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# Storm over Murdoch plans to buy Manchester Utd for £575m

BY PAUL MCCANN AND ANDREW GRICE

FOOTBALL FANS and MPs joined forces yesterday to oppose Rupert Murdoch's astonishing £575m bid to buy Manchester United, the world's biggest football club.

Tony Banks, the sports minister, said it "set off alarm bells" while a United supporters' club described the planned sale as "ringing the death-knell of British football"

BSkyB, of which Mr Murdoch's News Corporation owns 40 per cent, and United, a stock market-listed business, confirmed yesterday that they have been holding negotiations for a friendly takeover of the club for five-months and that the deal is almost done.

The negotiations have been between Mark Booth, BSkyB chief executive, and Martin Edwards, chief executive and major shareholder in Manchester United. It is understood the deal originated with Mr Booth and BSkyB's merchant bank Goldman Sachs. Mr Murdoch has not met the United negotiators.

Under the terms Mr Edwards and the management of United will stay in place, with the chief executive making an estimated £80m for his 14 per cent share in the club. An estimated 21,000 fans who own shares should also make a bigprofit. The proposed deal values more than its closing price on

baseball and basketball teams in America and is known to believe he needs to own teams to ensure sports develop in a way favourable to his television interests. The United deal would soon let clubs sell coverage of sequences involving any law on competition.



Manchester United at £162m United fans show their fervour at a European Cup tie in Portugal. A supporters' group said the BSkyB deal was 'ringing the death-knell of British football'

Mr Murdoch has bought League into a European Superleague and the televising of

games by pay per view. provoked by technical and regulatory developments that may

proceeds with TV companies.

Mr Banks said: "You can't BSkyB's move has also been just let something like this happen because if it goes through it could open up all sorts of con-

help him to lead the Premier games direct to fans via digital number of clubs afterwards."

League into a European Su-television, without sharing the Government sources went umber of clubs afterwards." Sources at BSkyB insist that Government sources went the takeover would not be defurther, saying a full inquiry into railed by a referral to the Mo-the proposed takeover was in-nopolies and Mergers evitable. Ministers would have to consider the impact on sport and broadcasting as well as the

Commission. In his takeovers of newspapers Mr Murdoch has always threatened to end a deal if it was referred.

ried that the Government will face criticism if it approves the deal, as that might be seen as currying favour with Mr Murdoch in the hope that his newspapers support Labour at the next general election. "We will

Privately, ministers are wor- have to tread cautiously and it

The Government is already under cross-party pressure to block the takeover Joe Ashton. Labour MP for Bassetlaw and chairman of the all-party Com-

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mons group on football, said that if the Commons had been sitting, 100 MPs would have complained strongly that the deal involved unfair competition. "Are we going to see The Sun buying Chelsea and The Times buying Arsenal, and then maybe accountants in these clubs selling players for £10 or £10m to each other to balance the books? That cannot be fair trading," he said,

The Tory MP Roger Gale, vice-chairman of the Parliamentary Media Committee, accused Mr Murdoch of attempting to buy a vote around the Premiership table. Mr Gale, MP for North Thanet, said: "I am personally very saddened about this. I do not believe it is the place of media empires to

Fans reacted badly to the news, with a small number gathering at United's ground to oppose the deal. Andy Walsh, of Manchester United Independent Supporters' Association,

A spokesman for Manchester United said: "Any decision taken by Manchester United will take into account the interests of shareholders, the club's fans, players and staff."

# Hawking defends | New Labour advisers lobby animal testing

STEPHEN HAWKING defended By STEVE CONNOR the use of animals in medical research last night, claiming there was a "ridiculous" fuss over such experiments.

The cosmologist, who suffers from motor neurone disease and is confined to a wheelchair, also launched an outspoken attack on animal-rights extremists who use violence and intimidation against scientific organisations.

Professor Hawking said: "I think the fuss over the use of animals in medical research is ridiculous. Why is it worse to use animal experiments to save lives than to eat them, which

Science Editor

the majority of the population are happy to do? I suspect that extremists turn to animal rights from a lack of the more worthwhile causes of the past, like nuclear disarmament."

versity timed his words to coincide with a debate last night on animal experiments at the British Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Cardiff, where scientists and anti-vivisectionists clashed over the use of animals in research.

The meeting came as more than 500 animal rights activists faced police in riot gear during a protest at a farm in Oxfordshire that breeds disease-free

cats for research purposes.

Professor Colin Blakemore, an Oxford physiologist and out-going president of the BA, who The Lucasian professor of has been subjected to a susmathematics at Cambridge Unitained campaign by animal extremists, said experiments are still vital to progress in clinical research.

> His arrival at yesterday's meeting was disrupted by the demonstration at Hill Grove Farm, which is near his Oxfordshire home.

secretly to curb union power

Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and Jack Straw are secretly working on a project to undermine key Labour legislation on union recognition.

Neal Lawson, Ben Lucas and Jon Mendelsohn are advising Rupert Murdoch's comclaim Labour's Fairness at Work plans are "unworkable".

The role of their lobbying company, LLM, in attempting to keep unions out of the workplace is likely to raise accusations of hypocrisy among trade unionists when the annual

THREE FORMER advisers to BY STEVE BOGGAN

Trades Union Congress conference convenes next week. Mr Lawson and Mr Lucas are former full-time officials.

Under the proposed legisla-tion, employees would have the right to be represented by pany, News International, to a trade union if more than 50 per cent of the workforce voted in favour of recognition.

Mr Murdoch, who crushed the unions at his Wapping plant in the 1980s, finds the legislation unacceptable - as does most of the newspaper industry. News International con-

retained LLM, but Jane Reed. its director of corporate affairs. said the lobbyists' role was only to "monitor events and

ters of strategy." However, The Independent has learnt that LLM's role in her saying: "LLM strongly be-advising on the Fairness at lieves that the News Internaadvising on the Fairness at Work White Paper and a second raft of legislation, the Competition Bill, which deals with

gather intelligence. Not on mat-

media ownership and predatory pricing, goes much deeper. According to News International sources and documents seen by The Independent, Mr

election, had a meeting with Ms
Reed last month at which it was agreed that LLM months. agreed that LLM would suggest a strategy to deal with the Fair-

ness at Work proposals. Subsequently, he wrote to tional strategy should not be based around opposing the prin-ciples of the Bill, but rather selecting aspects of the Bill which can be argued are unworkable."

He goes on to say "News International strategy" should be based on building cross-

would rather be responsible for negotiating their own pay and conditions than relying on an outside body such as a trade union".

On the Competition Bill, LLM's task is to smooth the Bill's passage through the House of Lords, which threw it out in July for not being tough enough on the concentration of media power and on the Murdoch tactic of predatory pricing. Inside track, page 6

Colonel Gaddafi rejected a deal to try the Lockerbie bombing suspects in a neutral country

Tony Blair was urged to intervene to prevent manufacturers dragging the UK into recession

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Bill Clinton's presidency, already in the early stages of disintegration, could finally unravel this week

**FOREIGN** 

France aims to help Israel end its occupation of Lebanon and play a leading role in the region

BUSINESS

A £42bn merger between Vodafone, the UK's largest mobile phone operator, and Airtouch looks likely

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David Trimble and Gerry Adams indulged in the political equivalent of pre-match verbal sparring yesterday in advance of their potentially historic meetings in Belfast this week.

Kurosawa, emperor of film, dies Akira Kurosawa, called the emperor of Japanese cinema for such films as The Seven Samurai and Rashomon, has died, aged 88.

Crash plane suffered power loss The aircraft that crashed into the sea off Canada, killing all 229 people on board, seems to have suffered a catastrophic loss of power.

Blair rejects reform of monarchy Tony Blair will reject the 'big bang' reform of the monar-chy proposed by a leading think-tank, but will impose a financial squeeze on the Royal Family.

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#### Black rights march ends in riot The 'Millioo Youth March' in Harlem attracted a crowd

of fewer than 10,000 but none the less ended in clashes with police that left 22 people injured.

#### No presidency for Kim Jong I North Korea has pronounced its 'Dear Leader' Kim Jong Il head of state but disappointed expectations that he would follow his father as president.

Floods worsen in Bangladesh Bangladesh's catastrophic floods have worsened, with

monsoon rains adding to swollen rivers.

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Airbus and Boeing unveil deals Airbus and Boeing, the two aerospace giants, are poised to unveil aircraft orders worth up to \$8.7bn (£5.4bn) at this week's Farnborough airshow.

#### Liffe considering merger

Liffe, the Londoo International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, is considering a merger with the London Clearing House.

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#### Saracens' new stars come good Saracens' three summer signings all scored tries as the Allied Dunbar title favourites opened their season with a 34-7 home rout of Northampton. .... Page 20

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#### Anne McElvoy

Early comparisons with Blair, assiduously pursued by Schröder himself, are turning out to be something of a burden: as wearisome as being measured beside a flawless cousin.'

#### Trevor Phillips

'Martin Bashir's career has become yet another victim in the Diana story.

#### **John Walsh**

"The fat man hasn't looked at his final card, the final magic sum that will reveal how much Lady Luck smiles

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Animal rights protesters clash with police at Witney as they tried to march on a farm breeding cats for live experiments Andrew Busurman clashes with the police.

# Activists besiege cat farm

By Louise Jury

HUNDREDS OF animal rights activists again laid siege at the weekend to the controversial Hill Grove Farm in Oxford: shire, where cats are bred for vivisection experiments.

The protesters, who object to the breeding of special cats which do not suffer from various common cat viruses. faced mounted police in full rist gear who formed a roadblock 250 yards from the centre of Witney.

The protest was tense and there were angry exchanges Nine men and one woman were arrested for offences including assault, affray and public order problems. Hundreds of police from six forces were at the protest, or on stand-by.

One landlord locked his patrons inside the pub until the marchers passed by after children and customers became upset by the chanting. Earlier animal rights' rallies had led to.

# Blair facing grassroots revolts

DEEP DISQUIET among the BY ANDREW GRICE Labour grass roots across the range of government policies is revealed in a report to be presented to the party's annual conference later this month.

The document, leaked to The Independent, discloses that party members oppose vital elements of the Government's education strategy. They are worried about Tony Blair's strong support for President Bill Clintoo during international crises and want Robin Cook's "ethical foreign policy" to be given more teeth.

The report provides the first insight into the views ex- submit resolutions to the conpressed by grassroots Labour ference has been curbed, many

Political Editor

members during a new policymaking process that is designed to prevent a repeat of the conflict between the party and previous Labour governments.

Instead of the annual condiscussed behind closed doors by new policy commissions involving cabinet ministers. Labour's National Executive Committee, constituency parties and trade unions. Although the power of local parties to

BRITAIN TODAY

FORECAST

General situation: It will be very windy across most of the country, especially is the South-west. Any morning or overnight rain will move away from eastern parts of England and north-east Scotland to leave a mixture of sunny spells and some sharp blustery showers almost everywhere. Across south-west England, Wales and Northern Ireland showers will merge into more prolonged steadle: and

SW England, Channel Is, Wales: Heavy showers then steadler rain litter. A risk of thunder. Strong south or south-easterly winds. Max temp 19-21C (66-70F).

OUTLOOK

Berkshire: M4 Between JS/9 Maidenhead and J7 Slough. New road layout with a 50mph speed limit in a new half-mile car-riageasse region floor miles.

Bristol: M5 J18-19. Major Roadworks on

Until 1st January 2001. AA Roadsratch: Cell 0836 401777

for the latest local and national traffic news. Source: The Automobile Associa-tion. Calls charged at 50p per min (Inc VAT).

Blusbery showers tomorrow, some heavy or thundery, merging at times into meanistent rain. More rain will move across on Wednesday, heavy in the south, although it will be more showery in the north with some bright spells.

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NW & Cent N England, Lake Dist, Isle of Man, 5W Scotland, Glasgows. Spells of sunshine and some bolated showers will become much more wide-spread towards the evening. Fresh east to south-easterly winds. Max temp 19 22C (66-72F).

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making machinery to protest about the actions of ministers.

The introduction of university tuition fees and scrapping of maintenance grants was very unpopular, with several constituencies warning that fees would discourage students ference debating every sub-ject each year, issues are being decision to set up 25 educatioo action zones, in which local authorities work with business to improve schools, was at-

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Some local parties were angry at Mr Blair's insistence that 40 per cent of a workforce will have to take part in a ballot before trade unions win recognition rights. They are pressing for a simple majority of those voting to be enough. There was also opposition to

the £3 an hour minimum wage to be introduced for 18 to 21year-olds next year, which is 60p less than the adult rate, and calls for ministers to remove

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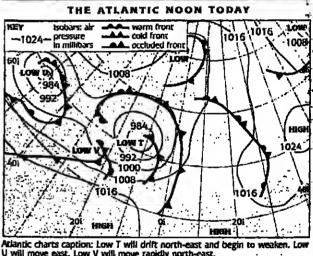
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A COUNCIL in the Netherlands is considering building a fivemile-long wind-assisted turnel that blows cyclists along at speeds of up to 50kph (30mph) to encourage people to use their bikes in the autumn and winter months. The miserable Dutch weather can force would-be cyclists into their cars, but Helmond council hopes its plan for the tunnel, from Helmond to Eindhoven, will change their minds.

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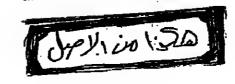
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# One man's obsession to beat the world of sport into submission

BY PAUL MCCANN AND RUPERT CORNWELL

RUPERT MURDOCH'S £575m bid for Manchester United, the world's most valuable sporting name, is confirmation that the tycoon's husiness plan has moved from owning the television rights to sport to controlling sport itself.

Sports rights have made his business what it is. In 1992 BSkyB, in which he has a 40 per cent stake, made a loss of £47m, then stunned the football and broadcasting worlds by paying £192m for five years of Premier League television rights. The previous contract had cost ITV just £44m.

Mr Murdoch's gamble worked and in 1993 subscriptions to his services rose from 1.8m homes to 2.5m and profits rose to £61m. The next year subscriptions rose to 3.9m homes and profits were up to £170m. Sport helped BSkyB's turnover to rise by 333 per cent to over £1bn in five years.

In 1996, to secure his grip on the Premier League, BSkyB paid a mammoth £670m for a new four-year contract.

By paying so much for football Mr Murdoch is able to move games to nights of the week that suit his TV station.

Other sports have followed the same pattern. When he bought the television rights to Rugby League in 1995 he horrified traditionalists by creating a Super League that required teams to merge, change names and play in the summer, all to fit his scheduling needs.

In the US Mr Murdoch's Fox network has pursued the same strategy. Since it bought the rights to the National Football League in 1993 for \$1.5bn (£940m) it has moved from being the fourth-choice channel for valuable 18 to 49-year-olds to second. Fox now has the rights to the National Hockey League, Major League Baseball and the National Basketball Association. In June Fox sell rights to their own games. renewed its-contract with the

NFL for \$4bn (£2.5bn). Now having unlocked the Mr Murdoch has realised that it is the teams who will reap the benefit of digital technology, which will allow them to create their own channels and sell games directly to fans. He has

decided to join them. In January the Restrictive Practices Court will sit to decide whether the current television contract between the Premier League and BSkyB is anti-competitive. The Office of Fair Trading contends that the

THE WILL TO WIN February 1989 Sky Television launches 4-channel service in UK after six years as a loss-making pan-European satellite and cable service. One of its first deals, the following year, is to England's cricket rour to

November 1990
Sky Television merges with smaller rival
British Satalite Broardcasting to form
British Sky Broadcasting. Murdoch's News
International owns 40 per cent of the merged company which
gives it effective control of the business. After amalgamation,
the combined operation is losing £10m a week.

July 1992
BSkyB clinches five-year rights to
live coverage of Premier League football matches in
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for four years. The terms of the deal mean moving more
games to Sunday and matches to Mondays for the first
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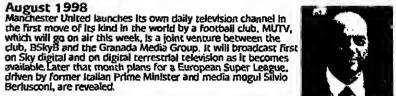
BSkyB secure TV rights to best British boxers - including Frank Bruno, Nigel Benn and Prince Naseem Hamed - for

September 1995 £20m golf package secures tournaments including 1997 and 1999 Ryder cups. March 1996

In Britain's first ever pay-per-view event BSky8 screens a boxing bout, Many had predicted the experiment would be a failure but 600,000 homes pay around £10 to see between Frank Bruno and Mike Tyson fight in the United States at 4am. Five million homes in the UK now have Sky.

BSkyß strikes £87.Sm deal with English Rugby Union to show England's club games and internationals. England is threatened with expulsion from Five Nations' tournament until a compromise deal is struck with the other four

Premier League football rights extended for four years in a £670m deal, BSkyB wins the deal despite competition from MAI and a joint bid by Mirror Group and Carlton Communications. August 1998 Manchester United launches its own daily television channel in the first move of its kind in the world by a football club, MUTV, which will go on air this week, is a joint venture between the club, BSkyB and the Granada Media Group. It will broadcast first



Rupert Murdoch, taken out to the old ball game, watches his Los Angeles Dodgers in action. He paid £210m for the team, less than half his bid for Manchester United

than letting individual teams

If the teams get the right to sell their own games they are likely to set up their own telenidden value in televised sports vision channels to sell the games on digital frequencies on a pay-per-view basis. By creating "electronic season ticket holders" the teams could cut out the middleman and make more money themselves.

The first team to set up its own channel was Manchester United, which launched a channel with BSkyB and Granada Television last month. The channel was just to broadcast team news, behind-the-scenes reports and archive footage. Unless the Restrictive Prac-

vision rights as a group, rather rent Premiership deal it will not to outbid him for Premiership be able to show live Manchester United games.

But if Manchester United start of the new millennium. ends up in the bands of BSkyB ered whatever way the court rules. If the OFT's case is thrown out it keeps its Premiership contract until 2000. If the Premiership's deal is ruled anti-competitive, Mr Murdoch will have the rights to the most valuable team in Britain. Either way after 2000 all the teams are

likely to go their own way. Controlling Manchester United will also let Mr Murdoch steer British football into a future that suits him, particularly his investment in 200 digital channels. It would also help if tices Court breaks up the cur- any outside media group tries

television rights if the contract survives to be renewed at the

The model for what he is the satellite broadcaster is cov-doing already exists. The drive being led by Silvio Bertusconi, the Italian television mogul and owner of AC Milan, Critics of the super-league plan believe it was prompted by Milan failing to qualify for any lucrative European tournaments this year Mr Berinsconi wants a new type of tournament to ensure big teams always have an opportunity to play in hig games, which will attract view-

ers. A Murdoch-owned Man-

chester United is likely to be

even more keen on such a

American businesses. The purchase of the Los Angeles forgotten Brooklyn Dodgers and a franchise that sits astride the richest media market in the

US. But he paid only \$350m

(£210m), against the £575m he is said to he offering for Manchester United. Nor do the Dodgers dominate baseball; other media groups have long since owned clubs, and sometimes more successful ones. Ted Turner of CNN owns the Atlanta Braves, the dominant team of the 1990s.

Disney/ABC recently bought the Anaheim Angels and the

ketball. Mr Murdoch owns the Dodgers baseball team early in LA Lakers and the New York from their location, their history 1998 gave him an emotive name Knicks, in the largest and sec- and their following." -of the heirs of the never-to-be- ond largest US media mar- Opposition to the deal is kets. But neither has recently been'a major force in the game, both being eclipsed by Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls.

All, however, are part of Mr Mr Murdoch's declared strategy of using sport as a "battering ram" to attract a bigger market for News Corporation's

global TV operations. Chase Carey, chairman of Fox Television, gave an explanation for the purchase of the Dodgers that will sound familiar to Manchester fans: "We were not interested in just any Chicago Cubs are part of sports franchise. The Dodgers

The story is the same in bas- most unique and valuable franchises in all sports. That comes

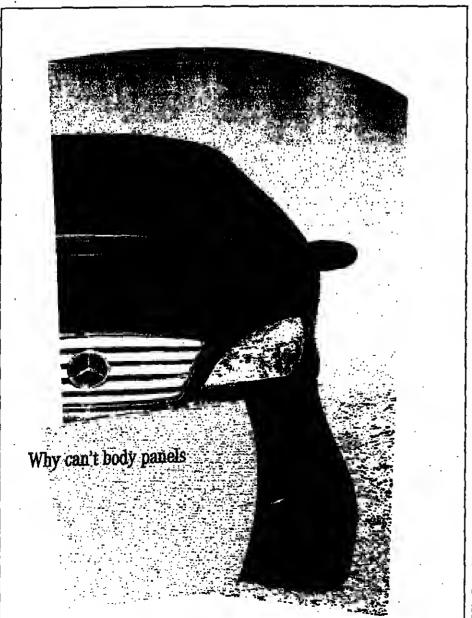
> likely to come from other teams, which will resent having Mr Murdoch as both a huyer and a seller of television rights. However, in the US only two teams voted against Mr Murdoch's purchase of the Dodgers and in the UK other Premiership teams have no veto on the ownership of their rivals.

Fans concerned about the commercial drift of the game have cause for worry, BSkvB's dominance of sports television has let it systematically increase subscription charges. Premiership chairmen this

The other model is his the Chicago Tribune group. are in many ways one of the year rejected BSkyB's proposals for making some games pay per view next season, but as both club owner and owner of broadcast rights, Mr Murdoch could push the league harder to

exploit the new technology. Further opposition may be regulatory. Tony Banks. sports minister; hinted at a Monopolies Commission referral when he said yesterday: "I can't see this just sailing straight through."

The Government will be stuck with its usual dilemma over Mr Murdoch. Popular opinion and backbench leftwingers will oppose the deal, but the Government will not wish to have Mr Murdoch's newspapers turn against it if it refers the acquisition to the competition authorities.



### Cash bonanza for United's shareholders

chief executive, Martin Edwards, is likely to not more than £80m from the sale of his 14 per cent stake in the club to Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB, while about 13,000 small shareholders, mostly fans, could share in a £126m windfall.

City analysts expect Mr Edwards, the man who steered Manchester United to a £47m stock market flotation in July 1991, to sell his stake and leave the club if BSkyB assumes control. The Manchester United chief executive, who just 10 years ago failed to sell the club for £20m, has said repeatedly that he would consider selling the club if the right offer came

More uncertain is the fate of about 22 per cent of the company, which is in the hands of a number of small shareholders. City analysts were yesterday predicting that at least some of them will sell to BSkyB, taking advantage of a very lu-

BSkyB is expected to offer up to 225p for every Man Utd share, valuing the club at £575m, a premium of more than 38 per cent on Friday's closing price of 159p. The club market as investors took fright has had a fantastic run since joining the stock market at

However, financial experts said that the price looked high for a company that last year had a turnover of just £87.9m and profits of £27.5m. However, they added that the potential to de-

THE MANCHESTER United By Francesco Guerrera

velop the United brand and merchandise was immense.
They pointed out that merchandising income, which accounts for just over 30 per cent of sales, is forecast to rise at breakneck pace in the coming

Others pointed out that buying the biggest club in Britain will give Mr Murdoch an edge in negotiations over football broadcasting rights. "It's a preemptive move by Mr Murdoch. It will give him immense leverage when it comes to renegotiating the TV rights for Premiership football."

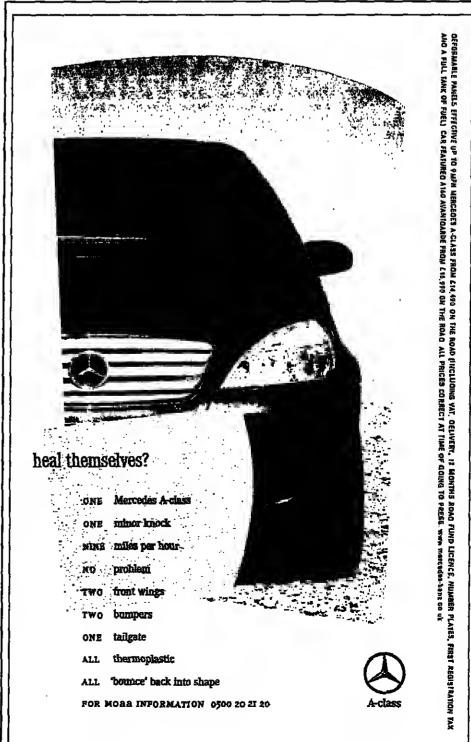
However, the analyst warned that the ownership of one team could alienate other

"So far, media companies have refrained from buying football clubs because people thought that if you did a deal with one club you would upset all the others."

Some experts said that the takeover could provide a boost to football shares when the market opens today.

Most clubs have had a rough ride since joining the stock at the wild swings in clubs' fortunes.

Newcastle shares were valued at 135p when the club floated and they now languish at 62p. Tottenham, which led the sport to the stock market in 1990, has slid from 138p per share to just 60p last week.



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#### Make a meal of it to cut stress

By Kate Watson-Smyth

THE NORWEGIAN Prime Minister, Kjell Bondevik, who has taken a week off from running the country because he is suffering from stress-induced depression, should have taken a regular lunch break if he wanted to stay on top of

A proper lunch is the greatest cure for stress, according to a new report, but only 2.3 per cent of the British work force take a full hour off from work to eat. The average time away from the office is 40 minutes but 25 per cent of workers fail to take any time at all.

Dr Pam Spurr, the psychologist who compiled the report, said that not taking a lunch break was a recipe for rising stress levels and a higher number of working days lost due to stress-related illness.

Women are particularly likely to sacrifice their lunch breaks and often claim that they are too busy to eat, have tight deadlines or work better by skipping lunch. But women have twice as many days off work due to stress-related iliness as men and a quarter of them believed that stress has affected their job perfor-

"Young women in the workplace are feeling the pressure to perform regardless of the consequences to their emotional and physical well-being," Dr Spurr said. This is born out by the finding that women are taking twice as many days off attributed to their stress levels

"Although some stress improves performance, not taking a proper lunch break in which they can recharge their batteries and clear their minds could be part of the vicious cycle leading to stress-induced days off."

The report, carried out for the drink-makers Robinsons, also found that businesses in Greater London felt the effects of stress-related illness more than any other part of the country, with one in five people saying they missed days due to

In total, 76 per cent of the working population admitted to taking their frustration out on | negative. colleagues and owned up to majority take deep breaths to calm down, Londoners were the most likely to reach for the cigarettes to ease the pressure.

The answer is clear: an immediate return to those hedonistic days of the Eighties when many workers thought nothing of taking a two-hour lunch break



Benji being kept close to his owner, Sue Hodge, at the RSPCA's annual Scruffts show in Chobham, Surrey. Mongrel of the Year was Jake, 11, of Derby

# I won't shake Adams' hand at meeting, says Trimble

Adams yesterday indulged in the political equivalent of prematch verbal sparring in advance of their potentially historic meetings in Belfast this week.

The Unionist leader made it clear that while he would he meeting the Sinn Fein president he would not be shaking bands with him. Mr Adams described

under pressure. But while the apart on the ever-contentious issue of arms de-commissioning. Mr Trimble maintains that there must be de-commissioning before Sinn Fein can be allowed to sit in the new shadow executive; Mr Adams argues that the Good Friday agreement makes no such stipulation.

DAVID TRIMBLE and Gerry By DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

> especially since some members of the Ulster Unionist party are opposed to any such

Today's meeting will take the form of roundtable talks, convened by Mr Trimble in his role as First Minister designate, of all Assembly party leaders. this approach as "rather This will be followed tomorrow or Wednesday by a one-on-one The two leaders also made meeting as part of a series of bibeing short tempered when it plain that they remain poles laterals between Mr Trimble

With the first prisoners due to be released within days, possibly on Wednesday, it promises to be an argumentative week. The weekend also brought

reminders of the continuing violence, with the death of a 29th victim of the Omagh bombing as well as serious injuries All of this could make for a to an RUC officer during lovalfrosty first encounter today, ist rioting in Portadown.

The Omagh victim was Sean McGrath, a 61-year-old retired

businessman who had been in a critical condition in Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital since the explosion. Mr McGrath, who lived a

Two women remain in a critical condition, while a further 29 injured are still in hospital. The RUC officer who was

Tyrone town, leaves a wife and

four grown-up children.

critically injured on Saturday couple of miles outside the Co night suffered extensive head



injuries during an attack by loyalists following some hours of intermittent violence in the centre of Portadown.

A second officer was also in ing to begin before we can see hospital with leg injuries after seven blast bombs were thrown at a group of police.

On Saturday, Mr Trimble briefed his party executive on his approach in meeting Mr Adams, but later four of his MPs sioning had started. issued a statement claiming no endorsement had been either sought or given for a bilateral meeting with Sinn Fein.

Foster said: "At the executive meeting there were various voices expressing concern about such a meeting. There are a lot of irate people; I don't want people to think I have okayed this."

The Trimble camp said no vote had been taken, but that "the sense of the meeting" was in support of the move.

Mr Trimble said the meeting was "very strong in endorsing our position with regard for the need for some de-commission-

executive." He added that he would be telling Mr Adams he could not enter into a government with Sinn Fein unless de commis-

Sinn Fein included in a shadow

Mr Adams said yesterday that de-commissioning was a problem, but added: "Problems have to be seen as matters opposed to obstacles.

"The Good Friday agreement is very clear on the issue of de-commissioning - it is part of the overall process of conflict resolution, but it is not a precondition; it is not a pre-requi-

"Nowhere in the agreement is the issue of decommission a

#### **Police** seek axe killer of 3 friends

By Peter Walker

THE PERSON who hacked three friends to death with an axe must be "deranged", the detective leading the hunt for him said yesterday.

Detective Superintendent Trevor Davies of Thames Valley Police said that the scene in the blood-soaked flat in Slough, Berkshire, where the three bodies were found on Thursday evening was "quite appalling".
"I believe the person who carried out this attack has to be deranged in some way," he

Det Supt Davies disclosed that post-mortem examinations showed that railway worker Peter Smith, 31, decorator Ian Brown, 36, and Gillian Harvey, 30, who was believed to be a voluntary worker with the elderly. were killed by multiple blows to the head. He said officers had found an 18-inch axe in the flat, but forensic science examination had not yet proved it was the weapon used. Examination of the flat was continuing, he said.

Police found the bodies after Ms Harvey and Mr Smith were reported missing separately by relatives.

Mr Davies said it did not appear that the killings were sparked off by an argument among the dead friends. "We have no reason to believe at the moment that there was any altercation between any of them. They were very very good friends," he said.

He added that there was no

sign of a forced entry into the flat, but refused to speculate as to whether the murderer or murderers were known to their victims. He said: "We are keep-. ing an open mind as to a motive. Theft, a sexual motive - nothing has been discounted."

Mr Davies said it was not. known if the killings were the work of a single person. When asked how one person could have killed all three, and whether they had been first incapacitated or tied up, he said: "I would very much like to understand that. That is something that the forensic

examination might reveal." He paid tribute to the victims' families for their belp in the police inquiry, saying: "This is a terrible time for them and we really do appreciate the cooperation they have given us.".

were working in the search for the killer and that a number of people had come forward following police appeals.

"The viciousness of the attack makes it imperative we get this person off the streets without delay. I believe it is a public duty of anyone who knows anything at all about these murpre-condition," said Mr Adams. ders to come forward," he said.

# New Lad emerges as old-style wimp



Gazza: Archetype New Lad

THE IMAGE of the New Lad as By STEVE CONNOR a sexist larger lout who seeks Science Editor out new heights of macho irre-

sponsibility hides the reality of young men who are deeply insearchers have found. Angus Bancroft, a sociologist secure about the rise of Girl

A sociological study of the phenomenon of 1990s lads who drink designer beers and read magazines such as Loaded and FHM has found that the boisterous image of young men males who cannot take the rise

New laddism is a response to the movement of women into the workforce and the greater assertiveness of females as expressed by girlpower pop groups such as the

Spice Girls and All Saints, re-

at Cardiff University, will this week present details of his research at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Cardiff, where he will deflate the male ego with an outspoken attack on laddism.

as the most popular response chosen by men as they face a

"We recognise laddishness

"The lad was supposed to be a tough, arrogant, sexy and self-reliant replacement for the effeminate New Man. However, the evidence we present seems to indicate that when all is said and done, the lad is a bit of a weed, and seems curiously out of his depth in the midst of changes affecting society at

There are many examples of laddish behaviour in history but the New Lad represents a

an attempt to avoid its chal-lenges, a cop-out," Mr Ban-that these things were in the past seen as phases in a young man's life which he would grow

out of "The New Lad is a broad shift in male behaviour across the social classes."

The number of men unemployed now exceeds the number of unemployed women and girls are consistently outperforming boys in school exams. The uncouth behaviour of the New Lad is a "blokelash" against the failed New Man, Mr

Bancroft said.

crime and a crisis in mas-

"It is not a triumph for feminism, because women do not have anything to gain if men increasingly retreat into a world which celebrates the narcissism of the beer belly."

Paul Gascoigne is the the archetype New Lad, with affectedly irresponsible masculinity but who is insecure at heart, Mr Bancroft said.

"To properly understand laddishness, we put it within the context of the increased infantilism present at all levels in

#### IN BRIEF

Campers killed by falling tree

AN INQUIRY has been launched into the death of a British couple killed when a tree fell on to their tent at a camp site in Spain. Belgin Sar, 23, from Oswestry, Shropshire, and her partner Mark Burroughs, 26, from Pontypool, south Wales, were both employed by Cheshire-based Eurocamp Travel.

England fans held in Sweden

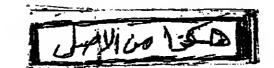
THREE BRITISH men in their twenties were arrested in disturbances after England's 2-1 defeat by Sweden in a European Championship qualifying match on Saturday.

Irish cocaine haul set at £128m THE DISCOVERY of more cocaine yesterday on a Spanishregistered catamaran at Kinsale, Co Cork has brought the

value of the haul to £128m. Two men, one Irish, one British, are being questioned; a third, a Spaniard, escaped. Older graduates 'facing age bias'

series of challenges from departure from the past, Mr Bancroft said. "Gangs of young British society, the search for in-"Reports of low esteem MATURE graduates - some as young as 29 - are finding it among many young men, an instant satisfaction and the redifficult to find work because firms think they are "over "In this light the lad is not a aristocratic men wandered the ability to form social bonds or to relate to society are seen as jection of responsibility, social or personal. Of this the lad is the hill", according to a report today for the Employers witty and ironic challenge to po-litically correct feminism, but streets of ancient Rome at Forum on Age. night on rampages of drink one of the causes of rising





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# Gaddafi rejects Lockerbie trial deal

THE DEAL to try the Lockerbie bombing suspects in a neutral country was rejected yesterday by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan

in a speech marking the 29th anniversary of the coup that brought him to power, Col Gaddafi refused to accept the deal brokered through the United Nations without guarantees of the safety of the two

BY LOUISE JURY

proposed neutral country, the Netherlands, a "transit point" for transferring the accused to Britain. The Libyan leader said he could accept an agreement only if Holland was "the last stop" for the man - Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah whether found guilty or inno-

"We are prepared to go He accused Britain and tomorrow to the Netherlands,

antees to that effect are necessary," he said.

country, expressed surprise at the new objections raised by Col Gaddafi.

Professor Black suggested in January 1994 that such a maintain," be said. deal could break the deadlocked negotiations over a prosecution and he and Dr

acquittal or conviction ... guar- with the Libyans. The professor said yesterday that Col Gaddafi had always known But Professor Robert that the men would serve their Black, the legal expert who sentence in Scotland, if confirst proposed trial in a neutral victed. "I suspect that this is a negotiating tactic. One of the things you do in negotiations is you start from a position you

The British and American governments, who opposed the idea for many years, last United States of making the provided that the Netherlands Jim Swire, whose daughter month suggested the men

don't ultimately expect to

is the last stop in case of died in the bombing held talks should be tried in the Netherlands by a panel of Scottish judges under Scottish law. The idea was backed by a United Nations Security Council resolution

> Professor Black said it was the composition of the panel of judges that was the sticking point, not where any sentence might be served.

What the Libyans had agreed to was an international panel chaired by a Scottish judge. This issue is the major

lawyer who is representing the accused, said the colonel's speech highlighted legitimate concerns from Libya about

aspects of the agreement. "It sounds to me as if what he is saying is that in principle the idea of a trial in The Hague is not unacceptable. but there needs to be clear guarantees and assurances about the risk of extradition passing the two on to some other country once they are in

"What he is probably saying is that more specific clear guarantees need to be there." he said.

Mr Duff travels to Libya this week and expects that the men will decide whether they accept the deal.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the offer was made through the United Nations, and the British Government could not negotiate on it.

The spokesman made clear that, if acquitted, the men could return to Libya in safety. in Scotland."

tions apply to countries, not individuals, the British Government believes the final decision rests with the Libyan leader, not the suspects.

Mr Swire, a spokesman for relatives of British victims, said the men must serve their sentences in Britain, if convicted.

"I think what Colonel Gaddafi is hinting at here is that he doesn't like the idea of his citizens being imprisoned



### Kurosawa, samurai of world cinema, dies at 88 BY DAVID LISTER

Arts News Editor

HE WAS the higgest name in Japanese cinema. But as the tributes following the death of Akira Kurosawa yesterday showed, his influence on Western culture was also significant.

Actors and directors were joined by the French president Jacques Chirac in honouring the 88-year-old Kurosawa, whose innovative work inspired the classic western The Magnificent Seven and helped the Hollywood directors Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Spielberg called him "the pictorial Shakespeare of our time".

A film director for over 50 years, Kurosawa was known as the emperor of Japanese cinema. He was best known for Rashomon and his 1954 movie The Seven Samurai, about villagers terrorised by a gang of bandits who hire seven sword fighters for protection. It won widespread acclaim and became the model for Hollywood's The Magnificent Seven, starring Yul Brynner and Steve McQueen.

The only director to have won two Oscars for best foreign film, Kurosawa, rarely seen without his trademark sunglasses and beret, received a lifetime achievement award in emy of Motion Picture Arts self-sacrifice". and Sciences, but said he had . Kurosawa was known as militarist government.

**SIEMENS** 



A scene from 'The Seven Samurai', one of Kurosawa's greatest trinmphs

promise you is that from now on I will work as hard as I can at making movies, and maybe by following this path I will receive an understanding of the true essence of cinema and earn this award," he said.

President Chirac, a lover of Japanese culture, said the filmmaker's work represented "milestones in the history of international cinema. Kurosawa was enthralled by modern Japan but familiar with its epic poetry. He knew how to dee injustice and praise

not yet earned it. "What I "The Emperor" for his perfec-

tionism and extravagance. The perfectionism could manifest itself in bizarre ways. In the late 1960s, he became the centre of controversy when he joined the American producer Elmo Williams to work on Tora, Tora, Tora, about the 1941 Japanese

aitack on Pearl Harbor. He left when the film was only half complete after a row over different approaches to it. Korosawa had insisted that actors salute, even when off-camera, the actor playing Admiral what it was like to live under a

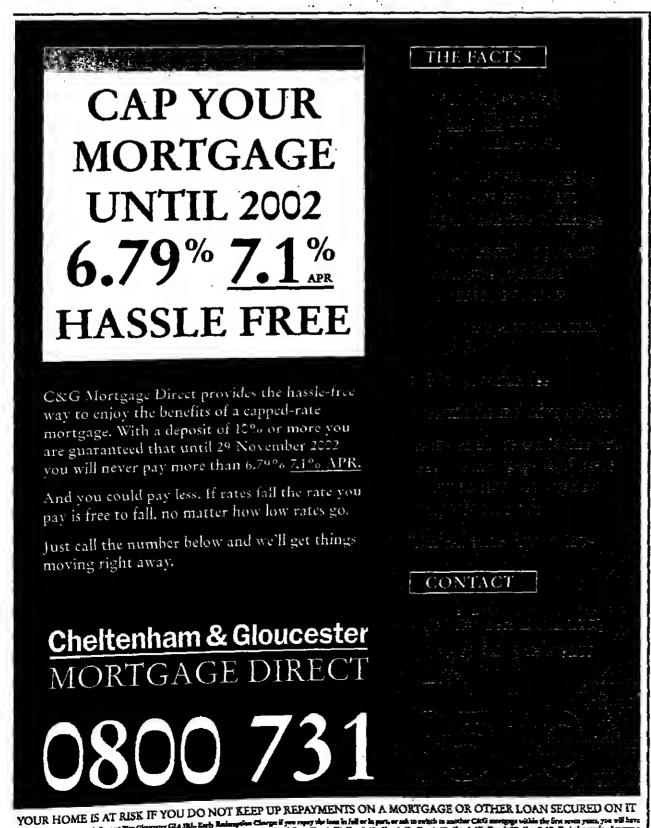
Critics have found his inno-

vative style - celebrated for its elaborate detail and sweeping camera movements - influencing foreign films from George Lucas' Star Wars to Brian DePalma's Scarface.

"He had a god-like vision that translated well to American movies," said Naoko Kimura, a film critic in Tokyo.

At the age of 61, Kurosawa attempted suicide by slashing his wrist after the company that produced Rashomon went bankrupt, reflecting the decline of the Japanese film industry from its heyday in the

late 1950s. Obituary, Review, page 6



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# Ex-Labour aides selling the inside track on how to block party policy

WHEN NEAL Lawson, Ben Lucas and Jon Mendelsohn vacated their position as advisers to the three most powerful men in Britain, they formed an "ethical" lobbying company that dazzled British

Not for them the sleazy palm-greased route to Number 10 or paid-for questions planted in the House of Commons. Their organisation would not take on, they said, "clients whose behaviour or goals we find politically or morally indefensible".

Strange, then, that little over a year later, these former advisers to Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and Jack Straw are giving tips to Rupert Murdoch's News International (NI) organisation on how to tackle two of Labour's most important pieces of legislation - the Competition Bill and the Fairness at Work White Paper - and on how to brush up its image.

LLM, as their lobbying company is called, was formed in the diaspora of Labour advisers that took place in the aftermath of the 1997 election landslide. More than 50 advisers and researchers who helped Labour to power found themselves no longer required, but their links with the new power-brokers made them valuable to a private sector that had spent 18 years cosying up to the Conservatives. So they became lobbyists or, as they prefer, "political

In less than 12 months, the three young men brought in more than 30 clients - including the RSPCA, Tesco, Orange, KPMG accountants and the Local Government Association - and boasted of a first-year turnover of £2m.

That they should now be briefing on how to undermine legislation designed to get trades unions back into the workplace is likely to disappoint another of their one-time clients, the Manufacturing Science and Finance union. It hired them to conduct research among its members.

In fact, it may surprise trades unionists everywhere. Two of the three partners in LLM have a union background.

Mr Lucas, 35, former chairman of the Labour Co-ordinating Committee - a soft-left reformist group - worked for Ucatt, the construction workers' union, for five years, leaving in 1992 as its head of of the Union of Jewish Students research. Mr Lawson, 36, who and advised Mr Blair on busiwas an adviser to Gordon ness relations from 1995 to 1997. Brown, is a former senior official in the South-east region of the Transport and General tablished by Sir Tim Bell, LLM, THE SELF-STYLED 'ETHICAL' LOBBYISTS



Jon Mendelsohn, 31

Workers' Union, Mr Mendel-

All three used to work at

Lowe Bell, the consultancy es-

Advised Tony Blair on business relations during the period 1995-97. He is a director of the British Israeli Parliamentary Group and used to be chairman of the Union of Jewish Students. Mr Mendelsohn, who used to handle Mr Blair's business contacts, retains close - some say too close - links with Jonathan Powell, Number 10's chief-of-staff, and Lord Levy, the party's fund-raiser.

#### Ben Lucas, 36

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Lucas wrote: "LLM strongly be-

In a memo to News In-

1980s still rankles.

Baroness Thatcher's favourite union movement, Mr Mur-

al may also grate with their rate affairs, Jane Reed, Mr

Formerly a senior consultant with Lowe Bell - running accounts for News International, KPMG and the Prudential, two of which he took with him to LLM. He is a former chairman of the Labour Co-ordinating Committee, a former adviser to Jack Straw and was part of Tony Blair's political briefing unit during the election. He is said to have boasted that he knew the contents of the Chancellor's Mansion House speech before it was delivered. He is a former head of political research for Ucatt, the construction trade union,

#### Neal Lawson, 35

Former deputy managing director of Lowe Bell, former adviser to Gordon Brown, and strategist for Tony Blair during the 1997 election. He is managing editor of Renewal, the Biairite political journal, and the founder of Nexus, the Blairite discussion forum that recently & organised a meeting for the Prime Minister inside Downing Street and which also regularly invites businessmen and LLM clients to Its sessions. He is also a former regional officer for the Transport and General Workers' Union. As a student, he organised the "soft left" against Militant in his local party.

egy which you must be sensitional strategy should not be tive to because a business v issue could be damaging to principles of the [Fairness at your corporate reputation in the long term."

The three men's role as advisers on the Competition Bill they feel is too powerful.

may also raise eyebrows among former political colleagues withgovernment' battle over this in the Labour movement. Many Labour supporters feel that Mr Blair has formed an unhealth-Murdoch, whose media empire

connected and determined to make money out of their contacts," said a former colleague. When they left their jobs with Labour, they were seen as the hottest, best-connected property around."

LLM has also been retained to improve NI's image. Several. weeks ago, LLM prepared presentation notes with bullet points describing their clients as: The Premier Newspaper Group in the UK;

■ A Vital Source of News Information: A Major Political Force With-

in UK Industry; ■ A Crucial Contributor To-

wards the Political Debate." However, in the notes seen by The Independent, the lobbyists also warned that News International was perceived by the man and woman in the street as: "A Tough and Hard Company: With Too Much Media Power and Influence in the UK." It also warned that NI was seen as "Only Pursuing

Your Own Corporate Agenda. The briefing papers advised forging closer links with Brussels and improving the political image of Les Hinton, NI's chairman, a low-profile and much-liked journalist of the old school.

This is not the first time LLM has been caught in the middle of a lobbying controversy. In June, Mr Lucas was accused of making advanced use of information from the Chancellor's Mansion House Speech, a claim that he denied. The company has recorded some notable successes, among them a claim that it helped to save Tesco £40m by persuading ministers to dump plans for a new supermarket car park tax.

"We think we have struck a chord with a lot of people," Mr Lucas said shortly after the formation of the company last year. "There has been a growing sense that the way in which organisations relate to the Government, and to the political process, needed to change.

"A certain type of lobbying has been dying out for quite a long time - the idea that all you have to do is take an MP or minister to lunch, introduce them to your client, convince them of the argument and show them a constituency interest.

The election of a 1 government symbolised, far more directly the way that goverument deals with outside organisations and it has to be far more above board."

At the time, all three described themselves as Labour Party members and committed Blairite modernists.

### Scottish Tories elect leader

A LAWYER virtually unknown outside political circles is to lead the Tories into the election campaign for the first Scottish Parliament.

David McLetchie, a former president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association, defeated the populist former MP Phil Gallie by 91 votes to 83 - a narrower ballot of senior party figures and approved prospective

The 46-year-old partner in

an Edinburgh law firm faces a formidable task in trying to rebuild the Scottish Tories in time for the May election. An ICM poll at the weekend suggested they would win only 12 seats in the parliament.

However, the poll also margin than predicted - in a showed Labour clawing back support it had lost to the Scottish National Party (SNP). Mr McLetchie's strategy will be to win enough seats to hold a

"pivotal role" in a parliament where no party has outright control. His main themes will be defence of the union with England and Wales and a brake on taxation - reigniting the "tartan taxes" warning.

> can be an anchor of the Union." Mr McLetchie said. "At a time when the economy is dipping into recession, when losses are being announced on a daily basis, the last thing Scotland needs is constitutional turmoil."

"Scottish Conservatives

sohn, 31, is a former chairman PR man. During the election doch's brutal crushing of the

campaign, they were seconded

That they have allied them-

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back to Labour.

Gallie, 59, are to the right of the party. The closeness of the vote was put down to Mr McLetchie's relative obscurity. Although Mr Gallie represented Ayr until the last general election, he was one of the few Scottish Tory MPs not to hold ministerial office and admitted early in the contest to being a "bit of a loose cannon".

Labour and the SNP are both to issue "vision statements" outlining policies for the May election.

Labour 'court' to try Graham

TOMMY GRAHAM, Labour MP for Renfrewshire who is at the heart of allegations of dirty politics in Scotland will appear before a quasi-judicial Labour court tomorrow accused of acting in a way "grossly detri-

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Work) Bill, but rather selecting

aspects of the Bill which can be

Later, he adds: "It is a strat-

argued are unworkable."

mental" to the party. The charge sheet has never been disclosed, but the allegations - all strongly denied include trying to rig party elections, offering "sexually compromising" pictures of a leading trade union official, and bad-mouthing Labour MPs.

BY STEPHEN GOODWIN

Although Mr Graham protests his innocence. Labour officials in Glasgow and London believe the National Constitutional Committee panel will order his expulsion.

They are anxious to avoid a court challenge and any repeat of the embarrassing attempt to ditch Pat Lally, the Glasgow Lord Provost. Mr Graham will be assisted at the two-day hearing by top bar-rister Peter Carter-Ruck.

ship was suspended last August three weeks after the suicide of his political neigh-bour, Gordon McMaster, who hinted in a suicide note that Mr Graham was behind a smear campaign that he was homo-

Party investigators acquitted Mr Graham of contributing to his colleague's death, but then cited other charges. Labour's Scottish headquarters will say only that Mr Graham had broken a rule that no

tained course of conduct prejudicial to, or in any act grossly detrimental to, the party."

Mr Graham told The Independent: "Tve been 33 years in the Labour Party and I have never broken any rules or codes of conduct, or anything. These charges don't pose any

threat to me.' The MP said he had been "lambasted from pillar to post" for the last 12 months. Life had been "made hell" for his wife Joan and their family.

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EVIDENCE OF a dramatic decline in education standards

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At age seven, Mr Marks con-

cluded, children were on aver-

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expectations. But at age 11

they were about a year behind, and at age 14, the average child

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was claimed today on the basis education, at Exeter University, who said: "It is indisputable of test results for English that variation in children's per-The report for the centreformance increases with age. It would be astonishing if it were right Social Market Foundation, by the academic John Marks, otherwise." analysed test results at ages

It was also "nonsense", he said, to suggest that all children should reach the level of achievement expected of the

"If no drivers passed the driving test, you wouldn't con-clude that all drivers were poor drivers – you would conclude that there was something wrong with the test," he said. ■ The "school run" may be jeopardising children's health in later life, according to a study by the Institute of Child Health, also published today.

Commenting on the results of A survey commissioned by the Pedestrians' Association his analysis, Mr Marks, forfound that 59 per cent of chilmerly a member of the Schools Curriculum and Assessment dren aged between five and ten Authority - now the Qualificawalk to school, compared to 72 per cent in the mid-1970s. tions and Curriculum Agency -

The report - "The School Run - Blessing or Blight?" warned that health problems such as obesity, heart disease and hip fractures may increase

unless this decline is reversed. "Given the disastrous na-Dr Ian Roberts, of the institute, said: "Parents drive their now revealed, it is perhaps not children to school to protect surprising that so many teachthem from danger, but they ers' organisations and others ... are increasing the risks of obewere so reluctant to agree to sity and dependency and establishing behaviour that will The conclusions of the reundermine their children's search were disputed, however, by Ted Wragg, professor of health in later years."

TREVOR PHILLIPS

'TV has developed a taste for celebrity thugs; the hard-man image they project goes down well'

— THE MONDAY REVIEW, PAGE 4



Having a David Meiior

A French term, believe it or not, which was known to be in use in Paris circa 1992, meaning "a bad haircut". It was un-



Doing a Gordon Brown

To dress down, particularly at a black-rie event when any exception to the dress been predicted. Meaning a brush with doubtedly accurate, albeit the least of his | the Chancellor who wore a lounge suit to | hip new BritSpeak, 'Dibble' derives speak at Mansion House In the City.



A bit of a Dibbie

An immortality that could not have code will be seen as making a point. From the Law, and defined as being part of a



Performing a Foliett

Another New Labour word. It means to massage the image of an outdated eous tones, designed to expose the institution so that it becomes electable. speaker's supposed moral superiority. After Barbara Follett, the party's Image | Bears some connection to John Gummer,



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# A phrasebook for a tour of New Britain

ONE THING to be said for the BY DAVID LISTER Nineties is that companies Arts News Editor don't sack staff anymore. They "decruit", "downsize", "right-

size", "de-job" or "de-layer". These euphemistic redundancies might take place after a morning's "blamestorming" - debating who is to hlame for a workplace fiasco.

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These are political. They are assistants

to Cherie Booth, the Prime Minister's

them as "red, sweet and fizzing with

wife. The Daily Telegraph has described

If the employee won't leave quietly, then send for the "head-floor in a last-minute hid to shunter" - the reverse of a attract even the least desirable head-hunter, whose role is to get you to leave the company without the costs of redundancy.

Neologisms (new words) are said to be the most acute barometer of the course our culture is taking. And a new book to be published later this month shows how the Nineties have given the language an armoury of neologisms - be they genuine attempts to define new cultural phenomena, or outlandish euphemisms dictated by political correctness or

marketing agendas. Marital status has its own Nineties labelling, as you will know if you are a "sinbad" (single income, no boyfriend, absolutely desperate) or even a "sitcom" (single income, two children and an oppressive mortgage).

But some of the most

graphic additions to the language come in the arena of sex and sexual politics.

On the disco floor one now apparently "binrakes" at the end of the evening. This means "to trawl around the dance partner." The book adds that this is "particularly popular in Edinburgh," which is hardly complimentary to the young

men and women of that city. Down south, one may not "binrake", but one does "downdate", which amounts to much the same thing, meaning "to seek a partner below one's

expectations." Lesbians have been on a linguistic journey in the Ninetics - from the glamourous and chic "lipstick lesbian" to the "lug" (lesbian until graduation) to "lesbeing" (actively living the role), ending up with the vividly descriptive "hashian" (a former lesbian who is now in a heterosexual relationship, as defined in Psychology Today).

A Glossary for the 90s, to be published by Prion, consists of

in newspaper and magazine articles, or ottered by broadcasters and politicians.

Others emerged from academic journals and billboard advertisements; specialist groups such as skateboarders

the journalist David Rowan. He said: "Some new words,

is hard to imagine how we coped without them: Was there really life before office workers talk about 'bongos' and 'swell-

words, all of which have been and rap DJs; or were simply had to 'hot desk' and newspa-bows' so that only the initiated about treating a woman patient used to avoid saying what you recorded in public use, whether overheard by the book's author, pers worried about 'dumbing know they are referring to with a 'Tube' stotally unneces-mean, such as the Ambient Re-

"At the same time, various already, have become so indis-pensable to modern life that it their own words, often to stay subcultures are busy inventing ahead of mainstream society. Skateboarders, for instance,

"Professional groups also invent new terms to stay ahead of the pack. Doctors might talk about difficult patients as 'Gomers' (short for Get out of my Emergency Room!), or chat

sary breast examination) - and all they are doing is reinforcing their group identity with terms

ignorant." Many of the additions to the language are words that can be sounding "pre-enjoyed".

designed to keep outsiders

mean, such as the Ambient Replenishment Opportunity advertised at Safeway in Stockport
– a shelf-stacking job.

And in America, used goods for sale are either "experienced", or the even happier-

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# Unions seek action to beat recession

THE PRIME Minister will today BY BARRIE CLEMENT be urged to intervene in an attempt to prevent manufacturing industry dragging Britain into a full-blown recession.

Leaders of the country's biggest unions want more input into economic decision-making and will urge Tony Blair to lis- as the economy tightens." The ten more closely to employers.

The demands come as David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, admitted that the growing world economic crisis could cause problems for the Gov-

Labour Editor

ernment's flagship welfare to

work programme. He told BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend: "Welfareto-work has a bigger challenge project would be "more difficult" in the present climate.

A senior union delegation to 10 Downing Street today was week's TUC Congress, but the session will now centre on the

economic situation amid not win a £1bn order for Chal- will urge Mr Blair to work in mounting redundancies.

Japanese company, announced the closure of its electronics factory in Mr Blair's Sedgefield constituency, with the loss of more than 600 jobs. It came on top of the closure of the Siemens semi-conductor plan in Tyneside, with the loss of 1,100 jobs.

And yesterday it emerged that another 600 jobs could be lost in the region if the Vickers tank factory in Newcastle does

lenger 2 tanks from Greece. Last Friday Fujitsu, the Doug Henderson, the Defence minister and MP for Newcastle North, said be would throw his weight behind the bid.

Roger Lyons, leader of the white collar and technical union MSF, will call for a special task force made up of ministers, employers and unions, which would beln to co-ordinate policy towards manufacturing.

Ken Jackson, general secretary of the Amalgamated En-gineering and Electrical Union,

partnership with both sides of industry in developing an overall economic strategy

Mr Jackson said the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, which meets on Wednesday, had "one last chance" to show that it was concerned about industry by cutting interest rates.

He added that the Treasury now needed to show for the first time since the Second World War, that it accepted that industry mattered to Britain.

"Manufacturing is heading for meltdown. We agree that there must be no return to boom and bust, but the problem facing manufacturing is so acute that action must be taken now. Social partnership is the only government. Unions and

employers can solve the buge

problems we face." Senior AEEU officials are angry not only about the attitude of members of the monetary policy committee, but also the degree to which ministers dismiss anxiety about the "real co-ordinated approach.

The Bank of England seems to live in an ivory tower afraid to enter the real world of manufacturing. I would also urge the Gvernment to involve unions in finding solutions to the prob-

lems facing the economy." Mr Lyons's proposed task force echoes the old tripartite approach of governments in the 1970s. He said the group should cover inward investment, regional development and training in an attempt to achieve a

John Monks, general secre-tary of the TUC who will lead the delegation today to Downing Street, believes the interest rate-setting committee should be changed to include a representative from industry. "I would like to see somebody with oil under their fingernails Blall reject of ki

in a position to advise on such a key economic instrument." It is clear that the looming recession will dominate proceedings at next week's TUC conference and the Labour

Party conference in October.

# Pilot's last words give clue to cause of Swissair crash

THE AIRCRAFT that crashed BY ANDREW MARSHALL into the sea off Canada's coast last week, killing 229 people, seems to have suffered a catastrophic loss of power, suggesting that an electrical failure was the cause of its problems.

New clues to the crash of the Swissair jet off the coast of Nova Scotia emerged with the release of tapes of conversations between the pilot and end six minutes before the crash, however, leaving a mystery over the final agony.

The pilot, Captain Urs Zimmermann, 50, radioed Moncton air-traffic control in New Brunswick at 10.14pm local time that he was in trouble, the tapes show. He said: "Swissair one-eleven [flight 111] is declaring Pan Pan Pan [the phrase used to indicate emergency]. We have smoke in the cockpit."

The pilot suggested returning to Boston, but air-traffic control told him Halifax was much closer and steered him towards the runways. He approached and then turned to lose altitude, since the airport was too close to allow him to dump fuel over the sea to and then turned sharp right. It reduce his weight. All this sug-

Minutes later, things took a had lost control. turn for the worse. "We are declaring an emergency at wiring problems with MD-11s, time zero one two four," the but Swissair had corrected pilot said at 10.24pm. "We are them, a spokesman said. It memorial over the weekend. starting vent now," be added. seems to have been a wiring still heavily protected by Swis-It is thought this refers to problem that led to the explodumping fuel. "We have to land immediately."

At this time the aircraft was flying south-south east, away from the airport, out to sea. has been raised is whether the was accused of acting insensi-During the last few moments aircraft could have landed at tively by many at the time of the pilot's words were hard to Halifax had it not tried to lose

in Halifax, Nova Scotia

make out, apparently because he was wearing a smoke mask, Vic Gerden, the chief investigator, said.

There was no further conversation between air-traffic control and the aircraft, apparently because its radio was no longer working. Air-traffic conair-traffic control. The tapes trol tracked it by radar. The air-



Capt Urs Zimmermann: Declared an emergency

descend safely in time, and to craft continued on its course continued to loop, making a gests that even though the turn of 360 degrees, before pilot's position was difficult, he crashing into the sea. Its final still believed be had some time. movements suggest the pilot

> There had been previous sion of TWA 800 over the has apparently spared no Atlantic near Long Island two expense to make sure that the

altitude and fuel on a loop out to sea. Although it exceeded the manufacturer's guideline weight for landing, it might have been successful - but it could have crashed nearer to Halifax, perhaps claiming more lives on the ground.

DNA testing continued on the human remains that have been found, and one body was identified as that of a French woman, But the medical team will take weeks, even months, to identify other victims, and some may never be identified.

It was reported yesterday that four more Britons were on board the flight than was originally thought. Norman Depledge, his wife Caroline, their son Michael and daughter Jane, 28, were flying to Switzerland for a climbing holiday. The family, which moved to the United States in the Seventies, brings the number of British victims to 11.

The searchers have found signals from one of the aircraft's flight recorders, but divers were unable to locate it. They were expected to try again yesterday. The cockpit voice recorder or the flight data recorder could help to fill in the missing minutes, if they were working.

Sonar searches have locate ed a large cylindrical object, which could be the remains of

Relatives and friends of the victims attended services of sair and local police. Swissair families are looked after, in One serious question that sharp contrast to TWA, which the 1996 crash.



Screaming Lord Sutch: Dubious honour of Worst Album secures a place in rock history for the founder of the Monster Raving Loony Party

# Elvis and Dire Straits top list of the sounds that should have been silent

Arts News Editor

THEY ARE among the greatest icons of 40 years of rock and pop music, and tomorrow Dire Straits, Elvis Presley and Lou Reed will be celebrated in a definitive list of top albums.

Unfortunately, there is a snag. They figure in a list of the worst and most overrated albums of all time.

A survey of 200,000 people to discover history's top 1,000 albums found, not surprisingly, that The Beatles took four of the first five places.

The greater surprise was to be found in two offshoots of the survey - the worst and most overrated albums. Elvis Presley's live album, Hoving Fun With Elvis On Stage, and Lou Reed's Metal Machine Music featured in the worst album ection, won by rock'n'roller turned political leader of the Raving Monster Loony Party, Screaming Lord Sutch.

Dire Straits' Brothers In Arms, which is likely to feature in the collections of most over-35s, and equally likely not to have been played for years, has the unenviable distinction of being oted most overrated album. An-









EVERYTHIN

Runners-up for the uncoveted award (from left): Lon Reed, Elvis Presley, William Shatner and Todd Rundgren

other staple of the babyboomers' collection, Fleetwood Mac's Rumours, is runner-up. In the main survey, to be published as a book by Virgin, Revolver, which was released in 1966, Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (1967), The White Album (1968) and Abbey Road (1969) take first, second, third and fifth places respec-

tively. The Beatles also top a separate list of the Top 50 Artists Of All Time, followed by Bob Dylan and Pink Floyd. The poll also reveals that the

1970s, now considered as back as you descend into its depths."
In vogue for fashion and music, Professor Frith said that if is rock's golden age, with al-most a third of all albums coming from that decade.

The value of such surveys was questioned yesterday by the country's leading academic expert on rock and pop music. Simon Frith, professor of English studies at Strathclyde University and chairman of the Mercury Music Prize, said: "Like the pop sales charts, the thousand best albums list becomes more meaningless

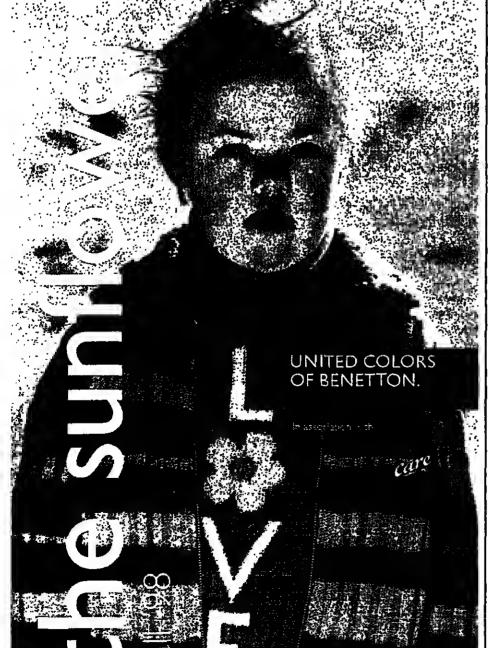
you go into the street, stop people at random and ask them to name their top 20 albums of all time, this is what you will find: "Most people will get to seven or eight and then say they

have to go home to look at their

record collections. "The younger person will list records they've bought most recently. The older will pick a record they neither own nor expect to listen to ever again. The sample will always

include a small number of rock connoisseurs, who will have a list in their pockets, which will include a record by Captain Beefheart or Nick Drake "Everyone over 29 will name?

a Beatles album, but it will be chosen at random." Professor Frith added that in the survey, rock is split from pop, so that acts such as The Who and The Kinks are pushed down into the hundreds, while The Beatles remain too complicatedly a pop and rock group



#### Music's Hall of Fame and Shame

Top 10 Albums Revolver – The Beatles

Sgt Pepper – The Beatles The White Album - The

Beatles 4. Nevermind - Nirvana Abbey Road - The Beatles Pet Sounds – The Beach Boys

7. Automatic for the People -REM

8. The Dark Side of the Moon - Pink Floyd 9. What's the Story (Morn-

ing Glory) – Oasis 10. The Bends – Radiohead

Top 10 Artists

 The Beatles 2. Bob Dylan . Pink Floyd

5. David Bowie

Oasis

6. R.E.M

8. Radiohead 9. Rolling Stones 10. Nirvana

Top 5 Soul/R&B Albums 1. What's Going On - Marvin

2. Thriller - Michael Jackson

3. Songs in the Key of Life -Stevie Wonder 4. Otis Blue - Otis Redding

5. Bad - Michael Jackson

Top 5 Indie/Punk Albums 1. What's the Story (Morning Glory) - Oasls

2. The Bends - Radiohead 3. Never Mind the Bollocks -The Sex Pistois

4. The Stone Roses - Stone Roses 5. OK Computer - Radiohead Top 5 Most Overrated 1. Brothers in Arms - Dire

Straits 2. Rumours - Fleetwood

3. Hotel California - Eagles 4. Bat out of Hell - Meat

Bridge over Troubled Water - Simon & Garfunkel

Top 5 Worst Albums 1. Lord Sutch and His Heavy Friends - Screaming Lord

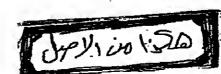
Sutch 2. Metal Machine Music -

Lou Reed 3. Having Fun with Elvis on

Stage - Elvis Presiev The Transformed Man — William Shatner

5. Initiation - Todd Rundgren





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# SSion Blair to reject election of king

TONY BLAIR will reject the BY ANDREW GRICE "big bang" reform of the Political Editor monarchy proposed by a leading think-tank yesterday, but will impose a financial squeeze on the Royal Family by making it less dependent on taxpayers'

Senior ministers dismissed think tank with close links to Labour, for the monarchy to be stripped of its political powers such as choosing a prime minister, dissolving Parliament and giving the Royal Assent to legislation, which the report says should be transferred to the Speaker of the Commons.

The most radical suggestion by Demos is that the Prince of Wales should have to be confirmed as the next King in a referendum before he succeeds his mother. If he were rejected and the public also voted No to Prince William, then Parliament might have to draw up plans for a republic.

One cabinet source poured scorn on the referendum proposal, saying its prospects were less than zero". Downing Street said: "The report has nothing to do with the Government and doesn't reflect government views."

Mr Blair has no intention of bringing in a wide-ranging Monarchy Act suggested by Demos. Ministers say any reforms will be piecemeal and driven largely by the Royal Family.

However the Prime Minister will have to confront several potentially sensitive issues addressed in the report, "Mod-

ernising the Monarchy".

expires in 2001, and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, looks certain to impose a much less generous financial settlement than the royals won under John Major. Their annual 7.5 per calls by Demos, an independent cent increase will be cut to about 2.5 per cent, in line with the inflation target. "They won't get more than the nurses," said a government source.

The Demos report, by Tim Hames and Mark Leonard, said plans for constitutional reform would draw the Queen into party politics. She might re-ceive conflicting advice from the Prime Minister and the Scotlish First Minister, If proportional representation produced hung parliaments, she would have to nominate the Prime Minister.

Some Labour MPs want reform of the monarchy to be higher up the Government's agenda. "There is a widespread feeling on the Labour back benches, and it's probably true for some ministers, that you cannot be seen as a modernising Government and somehow have the monarchy exempted," said Rhodri Morgan, chairman of the Commons Public Administration Committee.

The Demos report said there was "a perfectly rational case" for abolition of the monarchy, but an overwhelmingly powerful argument against - a large majority wanted to keep it. Bucklogham Palace said the

proposals were " a useful contribution to the on-going debate" but any reforms were a A 10-year deal on the civil list matter for Parliament.



Visitors tour Harewood House, near Leeds, which is the first stately home to win designated museum status

### The first stately museum of England

HAREWOOD HOUSE, home to the Seventh Earl of Harewood, a cousin of the Queen, will become the first stately home in Britain to win designated mu-

seum status tomorrow. The announcement will be made by Chris Smith, Secretary Sport, as a tribute to the unfailing good taste shown by successive generations of the Harewood family, who have maintained the home.

Harewood has been accorded designated museum status tinues to live in the house,

by the Museums and Galleries Commission, recognising it as a centre of excellence and putting it in the premier league of museums in the country.

BY ESTHER LEACH

The house, built west of of State for Culture, Media and Leeds in 1759, was designed by John Carr and Robert Adam, is set in gardens created by Capability Brown and has always been a showhouse - attracting the gentry from Harrogate almost as soon as the building was finished. The family con-

which is run by a charitable trust

It contains one of the finest collections of Chippendale fur-niture, views of the house painted by Turner in 1797, family portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds, Italian Renaissance

paintings and Sèvres porcelain. David Lascelles, son of the present earl, said his father had long resisted the title of museum, feeling it could be a "dead hand" in its ability to attract thousands of visitors every

year. But Emma Taylor, museums officer, said Harewood deserved to be the first to receive the accolade of museum as it has stood the test of time.

"Good taste is subjective but Harewood House has, for example, the finest example of Chippendale furniture, Good pieces have been collected consistently by different genera-

tions of the family," she said. Harewood's principal curator, Jane Sellars, was careful to point out that the house is not

"pickled in aspic".

Walking through the property's state rooms, which are open to the public. Ms Sellars said: "There was always something happening, always a reason to come back to Harewood." The designation scheme

aims to draw attention to nonnational, pre-eminent muse ums collections in England, recognising the excellence of a collection and the institution that houses it. Harewood House becomes one of 43 designated museums overall.

### **Decades** of child abuse alleged

BY ROGER DOBSON

THOUSANDS OF children may have suffered abuse in Britain's care homes in the 1970s and 1980s, according to detectives. Sample interviewing by po-

lice officers of former residents of homes has revealed that ? per cent of those approached alleged some kind of abuse.

It is the first indication of the potential scale of the abuse. both physical and sexual, that went on for decades behind the closed doors of the residential care system.

**Detective Superintendent** John Robbins, who has led Merseyside's Operation Care for the past two years, said. "In those days you could be a bin man one day and a care worker the next.

Although there have been a number of high-profile cases involving the abuse of children in care, including the pindown scandal in Staffordshire, the Beck affair in Leicestershire, and the ongoing North Wales abuse tribunal, there has never been any clue to the scale of the problem nationally. Each police force has carried out its own investigation and there has been no national co-ordination.

But more than 40 police forces have now been involved in investigations and some of them have tried tracing all exresidents, or carried out sample trawls of former residents of homes in their area. The North Wales tribunal also carried out a random sampling inquiry and had similar results.

In Britain's biggest investigation, on Merseyside, where allegations of abuse have been made by former residents of 70 homes, Det Supt Robbins said yesterday: "Our latest figures show that 7 per cent of the people we sampled and we approached have alleged abuse. When I started this investigation two years ago I said ... perhaps we should look at every care home on Mersevside. We are now reaching that stage."

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# Iranians and Afghans on war alert

THE RIVAL Islamic regimes of BY JASON BURKE Iran and Afghanistan remained on the verge of open war last night as Taliban militias issued weapons to villagers in western Afghanistan to resist a possible attack from up to 40,000 Iranian troops deployed on the other side of the border dividing the countries.

Yesterday Iran's supreme leader and commander-in-chief of its armed forces, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was reported as assuring that Tehran would not launch hostilities against the Taliban regime, which after two years of civil war now controls the bulk of Afghanistan. But there was no explaining

why these remarks only an-

in Islamabad AND RUPERT CORNWELL

in London

peared in print three days after they were apparently made, and why so large an Iranian force, supported by 80 Soviet-built T-72 tanks, 90 heavy artillery pieces and dozens of strike aircraft had moved last week to the

country's eastern frontier. According to some analysts, the incongruity could be a sign of further splits within a divided Tehran regime, between a faction that believes it is pointless for Iran to be dragged into a conflict that it has no more chance of winning than Britain,

the Soviet Union and every other outsider who has previously tried to tame Afghanistan, and hardliners who believe they have a chance to undermine Taliban with a stinging

military defeat. From the Afghan side, a Taliban spokesman warned that any incursion would be responded to in kind. Any war "would have a domino effect". declared Noorullah Zadran, the movement's New York spokesman. It would "turn the entire region into a fireball", and involve "the most deadly weapons which have never been used in that area". The immediate cause of con-



ian diplomats who vanished when Taliban fighters captured the strategic northern city of Mazar-e Sharif last month and, frontation is the fate of 11 Iranaccording to Amnesty In- released and returned home.

sands of people in the area. Last week, five Iranian truck drivers seized at Mazar were of Afghanistan that have still not

But until yesterday, no amount of pressure has been able to extract word from the Afghan side on what befell the diplomats and a score of other missing Iranian nationals. Unofficially, some Taliban officials admit these could have heen killed by "renegades"

within the movement's ranks. But no less a motivation for Tehran is its intense dislike and jealousy - partly for political and partly for religious reasons – of the Taliban regime, whose zone control has now almost reached the frontier. Shia Iran is anxious to protect remaining Shia Muslims in those pockets

been brought to heel by the Tal-

Iran has also been among the staunchest aupporters of Afchanistan's former president Burhamuddin Rabbani, deposed in 1996, but still regarded as the country's legitimate ruler by the

United Nations. The Taliban government, recognised only by Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, accuses Iran of fomenting Afghan opposition groups who have taken refuge

Iran is not the only country watching very closely how events unfold. Following in the footsteps of several other senior opposition figures, Mr Rabbani arrived yesterday in Ankara to

iban, who are Sunni Muslims. meet President Sulciman Demirel of Turkey, a country that has strong ethnic and linguistic links with Afghanistan's Uzbek minority, still resisting the Taliban in the mountainous heart of the country.

Last, but not least, of the interested spectators is the United States. The latest tensions were first revealed by American intelligence analysts, who are monitoring events in the region especially closely after the missile attack, on 20 August, on the headquarters in south eastern Afghanistan of Osama bin Laden, the alleged mastermind of last month's terrorist attacks on the US embassies in Nairohi and Dar es Salaam.

# Buddy leaps for joy, but Starr takes aim

THE PRESIDENCY of Bill Clin- By DAVID USBORNE ton, already in the early stages of disintegration, could begin finally to unravel this week as the special prosecutor Kenneth Starr prepares at last to release his report into allegations of sexual misconduct in the White House and obstruction of justice in the Monica

Lewinsky scandal. Legal sources disclosed yescomplete, and that it could be submitted to Congress before the end of this week.

If its contents prove as damaging to the President as many believe, it could trigger the worst constitutional crisis since the Watergate affair Few now doubt the report will carry a grievous punch. The sex acts between Ms Lewinsky - the details of which she, presumably, supplied to Mr Starr herself-are likely to he described.

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more allegations of criminal misconduct by the President, needs to step down. If not, he such as perjury, obstruction of needs to stay and fight." justice and abuse of power.

Richard Nixon was facing only one article of impeachment obstruction of justice - when he was persuaded to resign from office.

On television yesterday, Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan said proof of perjury alone would enough to warrant impeachment. Newt attempt one more effort at Gingrich, the Speaker of the House, will this week urge that at least a summary of the report be released to the public without delay. He wants it published dent said he was "sorry" for his on the Internet.

"There is a crisis of the time last Friday in Dublin. regime." Mr Moynihan said. He urged Mr Starr to release the report as fast as possible and said Congress, due to disband on 9 October until next year, must remain in session until the Lewinsky matter is resolved. "This is a distraction that is doubly dangerous because of what Is happening

in the rest of the world," he said. The political landscape has been in convulsion in Washington since last Thursday when Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut took to the Senate floor to brand the Pres- overcome.

ident's conduct in the Lewinsky affair "immoral and disgraceful". He said it deserved a "formal rebuke.

Since then, Democrats around the country have rushed to distance themselves from the tarnished President. Few called outright for the terday that the report is all but President to stand down, but remarks such as these from Jeff Woodburn, chairman of the party in New Hampshire, were typical: "You can't be blindly loyal."

The concern is that the scandal will hurt all Democratic candidates in November, if only by depressing turn-out among traditional supporters.

"Clinton knows what's going to be in the [Starr] report, we don't," said Pauline Woods of the Democratic National Com-Most expect there to be mittee. "If it's something that will hurt every candidate, he

A censure of the President by Congress now looks unavoidable - a humiliation only one other President, Andrew Jackson, has suffered. Few in Washington now dare to bet that much worse can be avoided that is, impeachment. Mr Clinton has few options

left. Aides hint that he may penitence, when religious and Congressional leaders gather in the White House on Friday for a prayer breakfast. The Presiaffair with Lewinsky for the first

In the hothouse of Washing ton - and not since Watergate has the fever been so high - it is easy to forget that polls taken after his admission to his affair with Ms Lewinsky have continued to show resilience in the President's approval ratings.

If his numbers stay good, Mr Clinton could remain insulated. If the ratings crimble - and signs of a souring of the domestic economy will not help the President will have problems that even he, the "Comeback Kid", may not be able to



President Bill Clinton greeted by his dog Buddy at the White House after his six-day trip to Russia, Ulster and Ireland

### Harlem march ends in violence

BY DAVID USBORNE

CONTROVERSY RACED yesterday over Saturday's socalled Million Youth March in Harlem, New York, Labelled in advance by city officials as an anti-white hate rally, the event attracted fewer than 10,000 but ended in clashes with police that left 22 injured.

New York's mayor, Rudoiph Giuliani, who failed to have the march banned, indicated that charges of incitement to riot might he brought against its organiser, Khalid Abdul Muhammed, who is known for his poisonous rhetoric against whites and Jews. Just when the march was meant to disperse on the orders of the courts, he abused the police from a microphone on the main stage and told participants to "beat the hell out of them with the railing if they so much as touch

He continued: "If anyone attacks you, take their goddamn guns and use them. You take their nightsticks away ... and ram it up their behinds. If you attack us today, hy the power of God, we'll mop the goddamn streets with you."

There was some criticism that hy deploying 3,000 officers Mayor Giuliani had overreacted to an event regarded by at least some who attended as a rare opportunity for young placks to voice unity. With helicopters swooping low overhead, the police mounted a veritable military operation to close it down at 4pm. Among those hurt in several clashes were five police officers.

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"It was Gestano-like tactics." Norman Siegel of the New York Civil Liberties Union said. Of the swarm of blue, he added: "Look at them! It confirms the community's worst fears about the police." One of those attending put it another way: "It's not the Million Youth March, it's the Mil-

### Russia's regions start to rebel Robinson to tackle Chinese as Kremlin's grip weakens

AS RUSSIA'S political leaders BY PHIL REEVES meet today for another attempt to strike a deal in the dispute over President Boris Yeltsin's chosen prime minister, evidence is growing that the mounting since the crisis began Kremlin's grip over the country is weakening.

A car bomb at the weekend in the southern republic of Dagestan, an Islamic republic that borders Chechnya, killed 16 and injured 80. It has deepened concern that Moscow is no longer able to impose its will across the land. The blast, described by Mr Yeltsin as "an attempt to tear apart the unity of the Russian Federation", was a reminder of the fragility of the relationship binding Moscow to Russia's regions, which has been placed under acute strain by the economic collapse.

Evidence that some of the 89

ries are using the chaos to seize more power has been last month. The upper house of parliament, the Federation Council, made up of regional leaders, last week symbolically voted to support the acting prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, who faces a second vote over his job in the Duma

But what they say in Moscow and do back home differs. The most stunning example is the decision of the Yakutia republic, in the Far East, to place its gold production under the control of local authorities and limit sales to the federal government and banks. But there are others: the governor

brother and neighbour of Gen- from outside its borders, vioeral Alexander Lebed. Comparing Mr Yeltsin to "Genghis Khan and Hitler", Gen Lebed has announced his region will no longer transfer any funds to Moscow. The general himself

ning increases of more than 10 The governor of the Kuzhass, the Siberian region that produces half Russia's coal, is threatening Moscow that miners will block rail lines across his turf if federal authorities fail to pay five months of back-pay. One governor, in

has imposed a price freeze in

his region of Krasnoyarsk, ban-

ducing his own currency. Under the cover of the crisis, Tatarstan, a republic on the Volga River, has tried to protect local producers by slapping a 10 per cent import tax on flour

Saratov, has mentioned intro-

lating a federal constitutional clause defining Russia as one market. And in Voronezh, in the Red Belt part of southern Russia, city authorities have been seizing control of semi-privatised enterprises, such as the pharmacies, and returning them to government control. Moscow's sway in the regions has always varied from strong

the power to appoint governors, who are now all elected. Moscow often seems willing to let them go their own way, no matter how much corruption and illegality abounds, so long as they pay taxes. Now, however, they are in danger of becoming even more remote, and even more cavalier about the constitution and distant hand of

to termous, but it was weakened

last year when Mr Yeltsin lost

#### on human rights abuses By TERESA POOLE ZHAO CHANGQING, a teacher at a factory school in Shaanxi province, tried to run in a local

Mr Zhao, who took part in the 1989 pro-democracy move-

ment, was arrested in March and accused of endangering state security. This weekend it emerged that he had been sentenced to prison by Shaanxi'a Hanzhong District Intermediate Court The court refused to tell his relatives the length of the sen-

election last year. As a result,

tence, when it had been handed down or even the crime of which he had been convicted. These are the routine human rights abuses that China's dissidents hope Mary Robinson will raise on the first visit to Peking by a United Nations Human Rights Com-

Mrs Robinson's nine-day visit, which started yesterday, will have to chart a difficult course between taking a tough line over human rights violations and averting a serious rift with her sensitive hosts. During her first year in the post. Mrs Rohinson's outspokenness has already caused runins with governments in Cambodia, Rwanda, Algeria



Robinson: outspoken

seen as her toughest test in a job in which some critics have complained that the former Irish president has failed to live up to expectations.

Her hosts will keep her on a tight leash, and it is still unclear whether she will risk an attempt to meet mainland dissidents, 56 of whom last week signed a petition asking for a chance to talk to her.

The visit includes two days in Tibet, where religious and political repression is severe, and meetings with China's leaders, lawmakers, women's groups and "representatives of civil society". High on the agenda is the promised signing by China of the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which and Iran. The China trip is is meant to guarantee individual liberties, and a timetable for ratifying the UN Covenant on ishment system, under which, Economic, Social and Cultural

China agreed to Mrs Robinson's visit only after the European Union earlier this year abandoned a motion of censure against China at the Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Western politicians who argued against confrontation with China pointed to the UN visit as proof that "engagement" was worthwhile, but this puts pressure on Mrs Rohinson to make the trip more than simply

China's rights campaigners want to see concrete results on the systematic abuses in the country. A petition signed by more than 100 activists was reto visit labour camps. It urged someone can be sentenced to ... three years without a trial and with no access to lawyers.

Human Rights in China, a New York-based group, said, 230,000 are imprisoned under this legislation. The dissidents' petition also called on Mrs Robinson to lobby for the right to form political parties and for curbs on police powers.

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are enshrined in China's constitution. But this means little in a country where the police are a law unto themselves, and where the judicial process is easily swayed by political demands. Common criminals, as well as political dissidents, are leased yesterday, calling on her often the victims of miscarriages of justice, with almost no her to lobby Peking to scrap the hope of a successful appeal.

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# aler France offers sanctuary to Lebanon army

AT THE Ottoman-built Resi- BY ROBERT FISK dere des Pins embassy, in cerral Beirut, a visa for France awits the young woman whom Isrel released from its notoriouskhiam prison in southern Lelanon last week.

bha Beshara, a Communist actist who 10 years ago tried to hurder General Antoine Lafi, leader of Israel's proxy "Soth Lebanon Army" militia. emiged from captivity as deternined and angry as she was when seized after her murder ttempt. "To abandon the resitance would be to surrender nyself," she shouted to jouralists, making victory sign with both hands.

Swhy is France inviting Ms Bestara to visit Paris, or, as som say, to study at a French university? And why is the Frech President, Jacques Chirc, also prepared, according Lebanese press reports, to der French passports to the ma she tried to kill with his mot senior officers?

he answer, it seems, is that Preident Chirac wants to play an wer greater role in the MiddleEast and, through French geerosity, to disentangle Israel fron its occupation of Lebanon. fall this stuns the Lebanese,

thy should re-read the history ofFrance's war in Algeria, wen, on the eve of independace, President Charles de Gulle allowed thousands of hekis - Algerians who had faght in the French army aginst their fellow Muslims usettle in France.

One of Israel's conditions for aandoning its occupation of suthern Lebanon is immunity fr its Lebanese collaborators ad the integration of General lahd and his men into the lebanese army Lebanon, which oes not wish to have Israeli inilligence agents in its army's anks, has refused.

hirac, who may have already iven General Lahd and a few

in Beirut

Lebanon when Israel eventually decides to end its occupation. In France, it should be re-

membered, there also lives the exiled Lebanese rebel General Michel Aoun, who was given asylum there almost a decade ago after his hopeless war against Syria collapsed. The French are not too keen on Middle East immigrants, but General Aoun, who used to compare himself to De Gaulle, appeals to France's Jacobin sentiments, while Soha Beshara - a Communist opponent of Israel, rather than an Islamist - will be acceptable to the French left. And France's Israeli lobhy will have no

Chirac: wants withdrawal

objections to asylum for General Lahd and the boys if it gets Israeli troops out of Lebanon. All very neat. Except that

Soha Beshara seems in no hurry to use her French passport. She said she was tortured with electricity when first taken to prison - almost certainly true, since nearly every other prisoner endured the same treatment after incarceration - and has no intention of abandoning the guerrilla movement. She denounced General Lahd, whom she seriously wounded after be-So sten forward President friending his family, as "a Zionist Jew"rather than a Lebanese.

me while recovering from his wounds. "She had the run of our home." He still suffers from a gunshot wound to the chest, but had freed the 30-year-old woman - a heroine to thousands of Lebanese - for "humanitarian reasons". In reality, the French visa rids General Lahd of his most popular prisoner.

But what of his other comrades, the lowly gunmen who have fought for Israel for money, or because they were blackmailed into Israel's ramshackle SLA militia? When the Israelis ended their occupation of Sidon in 1985, they promised protection to all their collaborators and then ahandoned most of them to be butchered by their guerrilla enemies.

Those same enemies, the Hizbollah movement, which has been fighting Israeli occu-pation for 16 years, say they will give no quarter to any other SLA men still loyal to Israel after a withdrawal.

And the French harkis? Many were indeed given asylum in France, where they languish to this day in poverty. Many more were not treated so generously. Tricked into disarming by their French officers, they were left for the Algerian FLN to massacre. Most were forced to dig their own graves then dispatched with a butcher's knife across the throat.

Will France be any more generous with General's Lahd's lesser comrades? If President Chirac can secure an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, the United States will be forced to deal with Paris in the event (admittedly distant) of a Middle East peace. France has a seat on the 1996 South Lebanon ceasefire committee and thanks to a carefully planned state visit by President Hafez al-Assadlast July - excellent relations with Syria. France's pretensions to great-power status are making themselves felt here. Whether they will emfhis men the French passports our family - a charming, intel-brace the rest of General Labd's | Serb leader Slobodan Milose-tral Kosovo with Robert Dole, hat would allow them to flee ligent girl," General Lahd told harkis remains to be seen.



A mass bungee-jumping record was claimed when 25 Germans leapt from Frankfurt's Deutsche Bank

### Serbs take Albanian men to unknown fate

IN AN echo of the "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnia in 1992, been seen separating groups of men from columns of ethnic Albanian refugees and taking them away to unknown desti-

nations, US observers say. John Shattuck, the US Assistant Secretary for Human Rights, said: "We have been in

BY MARCUS TANNER Serb forces in Kosovo have of ethnic Albanian men being separated from their refugee families and taken away by

Serbian police. "These reports are very disturbing. They are reminiscent of similar reports from the [1992-95] Bosman war."

vesterday during a tour of cen-

chairs the International Com-

mission on Missing Persons. Mr Dole said the empty, burnt Albanian villages he saw recalled Serb ethnic cleansing of Muslims and Croats in Bosnia in 1992, but Serb actions now evoked no more than international hand-wringing and

and it's happening," he said.

Mr Shattank

separated from their families during a stop in the ethnic Albanian village of Misrusa.

The reports come from refugees over the past three days. All say thousands of Albanians driven from their homes by Serbian shelling west of the town of Malisevo conempty threats. "We said we gregated on the village of Mr Shattuck was speaking wouldn't let that happen again, Panorac last week. Those groups were surrounded by

were taken away, the refugees

Tens of thousands of Muslim and Croat Bosnians were "taken away" by Serb forces in the 1992-95 war in the former Yugoslav republic, never to be seen alive again.

In a sign of Europe's lack of resolve on Kosovo, EU diplomats in Salzburg yesterday Mr Shattuck and Mr Dole Serbian police backed by on Yugoslav airline flights to vic today about these reports the former US senator, who heard the reports of men being armour. All fighting-age men EU airports.

### Stowaway's American dream ends in Suez canal

ported yesterday that they had Georgia (the republic in the

being neither home nor dry. ing himself into the territorial The Egyptian authorities re- waters of the United States. Kheshein Zenbadi had hid-

captured a stowaway from den himself on board a Yemeni-owned ship sailing out if a ship's hold, apparent-ing he had arrived in the land

IT WAS a definitely a case of ly convinced that he was hurl- of his dreams, Mr Zenbadi threw himself overboard after the ship docked to pick up some supplies.

Alas, it was not the blue waters of the Pacific off Califor-Carcasus, not the state in from the former Soviet repub- nia, or even the choppy America) who threw himself lie to the United States. Think- Atlantic off America's east coast. It was the Sucz canal, in

Egypt. Definitely a case of bad

Cairo's security forces, who last night had Mr Zenbadi in their custody, were not saying whether they would send him back home, or allow him to go free to complete the long, last leg of his journey.

#### IN BRIEF

irag threat to act over sanctions AN IRAQI newspaper that reflects the views of the ruling Baath party warned yesterday that Iraq will take "necessary action" if the UN Security Council does not lift punishing trade sanctions. The front-page editorial in Al-Thourn also attacked an American and British draft resolution introduced to the Security Council last week that called for the suspension of regular sanctions reviews until Iraq reverses its 5 August decision to freeze co-operation with UN weapons inspectors.

Pro-EU party wins Maltøse poli MALTA'S NATIONALIST leader, Eddie Fenech Adami,

claimed an election victory yesterday for his conservative party, which advocates EU membership. The Labour Prime Minister, Alfred Sant, said be had handed in his resignation. About 95 per cent of the 278,000 eligible voters turned out for an election called early by Mr Sant to try to strengthen his party's one-vote majority in parliament.

CONGO'S PRESIDENT, Laurent Kabila, will lead his country's delegation at talks in Zimbabwe today aimed at

ending civil war in the former Zaire. Mr Kabila accuses his former allies in Rwanda and Uganda of sending their armies to back Congolese Tutsis who rebelled on 2 August Angola, Zimbabwe and Namibia sent troops to prop up Mr Kabila's beleaguered army. Israei to extradite US teenager

AN ISRAELI judge ruled yesterday that Samuel Sheinbein. an 18-year-old American teenager, can be extradited to the United States to face murder charges after the

Children rescued from cave AUSTRIAN RESCUERS pulled out 16 people, including six children, trapped in the world's deepest cave at the weekend at Lamprechtshausen, 150 miles south-west of

#### HUNTER DAVIES

'The fans, as Manchester United showed when merchandising became king. are peripheral'

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# Monsoons pour tragedy on Bangladesh

in Dhaka

BANGLADESH'S catastrophic floods worsened over the weekend, with monsoon rains adding to the swollen rivers and abnormally high tides in the Bav of Bengal preventing floodwater from running off. The death toll continued to rise: more than 100 evacuees were feared drowned when a boat taking them to safety sank 255km (158 miles) north of Dhaka. At least 700 have died so far.

Up close, an urban flood is a quiet disaster. Despite the embankment thrown up around Dhaka after the flood of 1988. two-thirds of the Bangladeshi capital is now under water.

We left our car outside a garment factory, a big yellow building oo the edge of Gulshan, the booming commercial and residential district. Next door was Aarong, a buge modern supermarket of Bangladeshi handicrafts. Both now front on to a new lagoon: the water begins at the doorstep.

At the edge of the lagoon we selected our gondola. The socalled "country boats" were lined up here, flat-bottomed, pointed at both ends, banged together from wood more solid than a packing case, but not much. The battered bowl used for bailing is the most important item of equipment. Two boys punted us along, using bamboo poles. We sat tight. "Once you're on board, the most important thing is not to move.' the photographer said. Bangladesh's floods are

killing people through drowning, electrocution and, most dreaded of all, snake bites. The lack of safe drinking

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water is causing diarrhoea. Prolonged exposure to germs in floodwater is causing skin diseases. But the oumber dying is relatively small for a country as disaster-prone as Bangladesh. For now, the flood manifests itself to most people as a terrible nuisance.

To shop for food Gf your local grocer has managed to build a high lintel in the doorway and pump his shop dry), you must wade, or wait for the packing-case ferry. In many houses, under-floor water storage tanks have been penetrat-



A train and a raft negotiate the floodwaters 25 miles south of Dhaka in Bangladesh yesterday. Two months of flooding has severely damaged the railroad system

your metal jars hundreds of metres to the nearest hand pump still in use.

The gas supply is cut or unreliable; for those who have to cook on open fires, the wood or dried cow dung normally used is unavailable, and some have

to cook over burning rags. In the poor streets of Gulshan, most people have managed to stay oo in their homes, building up beds and tables so they are above the water level, though this entails living squashed up against the corrugated iron roofs. Many smaller, flimsier houses have long. There are plenty of boat- and hidden among the bushes succumbed, only their roofs men, too: street children like at the water's edge, enterpris- manager with Oxfam and has ing money from the rich and

Their owners have fled, or taken to living as best they can on a sloping iroo roof. The floods of 1998 have gone

on for two months now, compared with the two or three weeks of the last comparable disaster, in 1988. In Dhaka, the uncomplaining and adaptable Bengalis have grown accustomed to living like water rats in this oew Venice of the East.

There are abundant boats, both the leaky tubs like ours and bigger, more plausible punts of the same design, up to 20ft

projecting above the water. our crew in smaller boats, tradesmen rendered idle by the flood in bigger ones. When we moved up a size to venture into deeper water, our thoroughly incompetent sailors were two carpenters.

Watery Dhaka is in ooe sense nicer than the dry town. There the air is dense with smoke from the filthy twostroke three-wheelers - "baby taxis" they call them - that clog the streets. Here the air is mostly fresh and clean, In Gulshan, the government's fish ponds have swelled into lakes,

ing locals fish furtively but with just returned from a tour of success, using homemade bamboo rods. And everywhere small children plunge, punt, swim, splash and play.

But had times are on the way. In the countryside, poor farmers are malnourished. An outbreak of measles in the oorth has alarmed aid workers, for measles combined with malnutrition kills children easily.

Bangladesh's problem is that this long, high flood is oot an isolated event as Naveem Wahra explained, it is the latest in a succession of calamities. He is disaster preparedness

some of the worst-hit areas. "In October last year there

was followed by a severe winter, leading to the failure of vegetable crops. The rice harvest this spring was only average. Now the summer flood means there will be no harvest at all

"From now onwards gruel kitchens will be the only way to prevent famine, because people in the flooded areas no longer have money to buy food. Uotil last month, they were borrow-

'distress-selling' their valuables. Now the rich are refusing to lend them money. They was no monsoon, so the rice say, You are not going to have harvest failed," he said. "That a crop to harvest, so I am oot going to get my money back'..." He added: "We see a number

of worrying indicators. We see

poor people sending their children to work as domestic servants in the homes of the rich not to earn money, because they are paid nothing, but merely to get two meals a day. In the past two weeks, rice trucks have been looted by famished people. And while the price of rice and vegetables

has actually gone down - be cause the poor are distress-sel ing their cattle. A very ba time is coming.

A flood is bad but the after math is much worse. That is when the streets of Dhaka will be thick with yile mud, flies and other disease-carrying insects will multiply, and infections. especially dysentery and diarrhoea, are expected to become rampant. There is also, as Mr Wahra points out, the increasing certainty of widespread famine. The present watery interlude, with all its inconveniences, is the calm before a

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# Son of Kim leads North Korea but not as president

NORTH KOREA has prooounced its "Dear Leader", Kim Jong II, de facto head of state, but disappointed expectations that he would follow his

father to become president. Observers say the move underlines Kim's lack of confidence in overcoming the coun-

BY YOO CHOON-SIX

try's desperate crisis. Over the weekend, the parliament of the world's last Stalinist state reelected Kim, the son of late "Great Leader" President Kim Il Sung, the chairman of the enbanced National Defence Com-

the post of president, having declared the late Kim North Korea's "eternal president". Instead it called the post of Chairman of the National Defence Commission "the

highest post of the state". The the scenes. He still needs his fa-Korean Central News Agency in Pyongyang said the newly amended constitution granted the Chairman the right to declare war and mobilise soldiers.

"Kim still lacks confidence in overcoming the current crisis and prefers to remain behind

Hun-ok, of the Institute of North Korea Studies in Seoul. Kim faces a daunting task.

North Korea, which insists selfreliance is the central plank of its political ideology, has been forced to seek international

ther's charisma," said Park floods and droughts caused widespread food shortages.

Observers believe Kim Jong Il will be able to deflect some of the blame for failures oo to Kim Yong Nam, the former foreign minister, who was appointed president of the

Supreme People's Assembly the North Korean parliament.

Kim Jong Il had been widely expected to take the presidency, the last of the three titles that his father had held until he died in 1994. The younger Kim was named supreme military

munist party secretary tast October.

Since his death, Kim Il Surg has remained the head of stare and diplomatic documents have been issued in his name. allowing Kim Jong II to avoid

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# The last laugh came all too soon

#### CITY LIFE NEW DELHI

JUST FOR a laugh, my friend Tara and I woke before dawn and took my car to a park on the far side of the Yamuna river. Such behaviour runs counter to our natures, as both of us are night owls and slugabeds, but we were literally looking for laughs.

Our destination was Noida the New Okhla Industrial Development Area - a name comic possibilities.

But we had heard that in this vast commuters' suburb adjacent to Delhi, you can awake to the sound of laughter - not the playground shrieks of tiny kids but deep resonating hoots of 50 adults who gather on the grass at dawn for laughter therapy.

As a wake-up call, it must be superior to an alarm. If it is a sense of humour that gives our species lts humanity, this would be the defining sound effect. We wanted to check it out. Forget the cosmic giggle and go for the belly

Our search led us to Colonel H K Singh, a retired army officer. He was keen on this new-fangled therapy, even though it seems to be based on the tired truism of "laugh and the world laughs with you". But laughing in unison, at nothing? Was this some new-age joke marketing the wisdom of the East back to



Laughter therapy can be contagious, but many Indians want to catch it

guffaws," Col Singh explained. six in the morning." Her "This kind of laughling is condreams are stirred by this tagious. It is supposed to ease tensions. Very good for the health. The first group I ever heard of started up on a Bombay beach but now there are

Personally, though, Col Singh had yet to turn out for one of these public laugh-ins. It was because the

timetable for these sessions is no laughing matter, according to Renu, Col Singh's Noida oeighbour. Oecasionally, she hears hearty laughs wafting in through her window while she is still under her covers. "It is a joyful noise," she

smiled. "But they do this very, very early, between five and

laugh track, but she sleeps on. As the birds emitted their

first chirps, Tara and I wonto be cheerful existed at this hour. Mosquitoes feasted on our ankies. Local health alerts are out for dengue fever and even dropsy - a swelling dis-ease of leaky blood vessels more familiar from Raj-era

Already 47 dropsy deaths in Delhi, and more than a thousand cases in bospital have been traced to profiteers who top up cooking oil tins with used motor oil. The victims feel vulnerable, there's the nuclear peril following tit-fortat atomic testing by India and Pakistan, Such worries are not so easy to laugh off. Maybe a wailing session would be more appropriate.

By the time we crossed the bridge - passing up the op-portunity to breakfast on fried and thereby possibly poisonous parathas - we felt annoyed to be in Noida instead of in bed. But following Col Singh's directions, we found the public park at dawn in a state of hyper-animation, with hundreds of energetic people

Entire families, balanced frequently go blind. If this with yogic contortions on wasn't enough to make us motor scooters, dismounted with yogic contortions on

for a brisk walk round the track. Office clerks and middle-aged women in saris wheezed through their morning calisthenics. Vigorous youths did kung fu warm-ups while others flung frisbees or practised football. A yogi with ank white hair twisted himself

into a tight pretzel. On the lawn beside him sat a small group ready to laugh. Chortles, sniggers or titters won't do for this therapy: what's required is classic cachination, a jolly loud burst from the solar plexus. It sounds nothing like the mocking or nervous laughter we usually hear. It is uproarious ... but, in this case, puzzlingly brief. After a half dozen laughing outbursts, they stopped abruptly. Next, everyone flipped on to all fours, stuck out their tongues, arched their necks, and began to roar:

We loitered at the edge of the lawn, the only ones not actively pursuing self-improvement. Tara toyed with a cigarette but didn't dare light up, though the smoke might have warded

off the mosquitoes. As soon as the class broke up, we asked about laughter therapy. It is useful for breath control, the yogi told us with a dour expression, but he preferred to teach only traditional yoga postures. A woman suggested brightly: "You should try laughter therapy in sector 15, just around the block. By now, today's session is finished, but you can come tomorrow." Tara rolled ber eyes and whispered: "I guess the laugh's on us."

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# BUSINESS

# Vodafone poised for £42bn alliance with US operator

### **BRIEFING**

#### Grenspan hint on rate cut

ALAN REENSPAN, the Federal Reserve Chairman, is consering a policy change leading to lower interest rates amidigns that the recession in many Asian countries and the clapse of several financial markets may derail the US econny Mr Greenspan, who two months ago said he was concred that low unemployment and rising wages might causimilation to accelerate, told students at the University of California at Berkeley that the policy-setting Fedell Open Market Committee "will need to consider carelly the potential ramifications of ongoing

developments" since its last session 18 August. Ti FOMC has held the overnight bank lending rate stear at 5.5 per cent since March 1997.

Vikers may close tank factory



Vickes, the defence group, said yesterday that it may close tank factory in Newcastle, with the loss of up to 600 jos, unless it clinched new export orders within mores. The company has linked the fate of the factory to a bn order for the Challenger 2 tank (pictured about from the Greek government. Yesterday Doug Helerson, the Defence minister, said he would do "all he fuld" to help the company win the contract and priect jobs. Vickers is vying with Germany's Krauss Makei, which makes the Leopard tank, for the Greek order Vickers hopes that Germany's close links with Turey, a bitter enemy of Athens, could sway the cowact in its favour.

#### **Bazil's bank acts**

BRZIUS Central Bank boosted its benchmark interest rat by 10 percentage points to stop an outflow of capital theis reaching \$1bn a day, amid concerns that Brazil's curency will be weakened. The central bank said its ovmight rate, which it charges banks for loans, will rise to 295 per cent, from 19 per cent, beginning tomorrow. The ra: will remain in effect until 30 September. The move reresents a sharp policy shift for the bank, which had loered rates nine straight times this year in an effort to best the economy.

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A £42BN MERGER or alliance

and Airtouch, the secondlargest operator in the United States, looks to be on the cards. Portugal and Italy. No announcement is expected in the next few days, but more than 30 leading City brokers and analysts left yesterday on

a three-day guided tour of Vodafone's operations in the Netherlands, Germany, France and Sweden. A Vodafone spokesman said it was company policy not to comment on rumours, but he did not dispute that the logic of

a link between the two com-

is strong in Northern Europe,

including Germany,

between Vodafone, the UKS

largest mobile phone operator. Netherlands and Sweden, while Airtouch's main European businesses are in Spain,

BY CLIFFORD GERMAN

Chris Godsmark, telecoms analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, said yesterday that the logic of such a deal, if it goes ahead, was unarguable. "Vodafone's strategic objective is to become the dominant global mobile telephones operator," said Mr Godsmark.

The two companies are said to have held talks last year but were unable to agree terms because of the size differential bepanies is compelling. Vodafone tween the two businesses. Although both companies have been affected by the sharp falls in stock values on both Wall touch maintaining its US do-Street and in London in the past month, Vodafone's share price has more than doubled in the past year and it is now

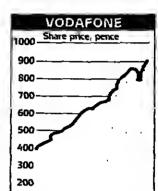
with a market capitalisation of £23hn against Airtouch's £19hn. A full merger is thought to be just one of the expansion plans being considered by Vodafone's chief executive, Chris Gent, as part of his strategy of turning Vodafone into the leading global player.

A second possibility is a deal which falls short of a full merger, but which pools the two companies' overseas operations in a joint company while leaving Vodafone is full control of its UK operations and Air-

mestic husiness, which is focused on the Pacific Coast.

Transatlantic telecoms mergers have been discourslightly the larger company, aged in the past by the absence of any genuinely national operators and also by technical differences between the US and UK systems, which operate on different frequencies. Plans for UMTS, a third generation of mobile phones that will make possible a common standard, are due to be published next year.

A third option being discussed in the City is a joint bid for Airtouch from Vodafone and WorldCom, the US tele-coms giant which last year outbid British Telecom for con-



telecom operator, MCI. World-Com would take over Airoperations and Vodatone would take over its European operations to create a single strong presence in Western Europe and replace the current network of national franchises

with a genuine single market. Analysts admit, however, that WorldCom will have its hands full implementing the takeover of MCI and that this suggested carve-up could be a stalking horse created to strengthen Vodafone's hand in direct talks with Airtouch.

Mr Gent has discussed the possibility of a deal with Airtouch as one possible way of carrying forward the company's known ambitions to become the world's leading mobile telephones operator.



Airbus's Super Transporter aircraft being prepared for the Farnborough International 98 airshow in Hampshire yesterday. The airshow is the biggest in the last ten years, and is expected to show off 169 aircraft from all over the aeronautical world

# Airbus set to 'out show' Boeing

bitter battle for control of the glohal aircraft market, are poised to unveil orders worth up to \$8.7bn (£5.4bn) at this week's Farnborough airshow.

Industry experts yesterday predicted that the two arch-rivals will try to upstage each other by announcing a raft of high-profile deals at the world's biggest air showcase.

News of the orders came as it emerged that the transformation of Airbus - the European consortium in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake - into a standalone company will be delayed by up

to nine months because of

technical difficulties. Airbus is expected to fire the first salvo in the fiercely fought publicity campaign with its US rival Boeing. The group is set to announce that it has won an order worth around \$3bn (£1.9bn) for up to 20 of its A340s

large jets from UAE, the United Arab Emirates's flagship carrier. The contract for the A340s, which seat up to 360 people, will also include a large number of options for future purchases.

Bill White, a vice-president at aerospace consultant EDS,

service agreements which will benefit other companies down

the aerospace food chain". Rolls-Royce, the aerospace engineering group, is widely tipped be one of the beneficiaries of the deals, and it is expected to win a \$1bn deal for the engines contract for the UAE aircraft.

The European planemaker is also lining up a sale of up to 30 cargo jets - worth upwards of \$2.7bn (£1.6bn)- to United Parcel Services (UPS), the

American mail delivery group. Boeing, the US giant which

AIRBUS AND BOEING, the two aerospace giants locked in a BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA said that the deals will give rise in the race to a \$11bn jet order battle between Airbus and Boeing was set to overshadow spond with a number of orders news that the European group

worth up to \$3bn. It is expected to include a deadline to transform itself into large contract for wide-body Boeing 777s with a leading US carrier. European airlines are also set to take options on Boeing's revamped 737s, the US manufacturer's best-selling

speculation was mounting that

Boeing could also announce a deal for its 100-seat 717, while a single company. Airbus was expected to respond by setting out plans to develop its own 100-seater.

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a single entity. Yves Michot, chief executive of Aérospatiale, the French group which owns 37.9 per cent of Airbus, revealed yesterday that the four partners -BAe, Aérospatiale, Germany's Industry sources said that Daimler Benz and Spain's Casa exculation was mounting that — were having troubled valuing their respective assets to form

"It will be accomplished in 1999, hut whether it's six months or nine months into the Experts said that the order year, I can't say," he added.

### was recently pipped by Airbus Italian and German ministers clash over Russia moratorium

BY CLIFFORD GERMAN MARKETS face another worrying week as uncertainty over the effect of the Russian eco-

nomic crisis continues. Major differences of opinion emerged over the weekend between the German and Italian foreign ministers over the best approach to helping Russia to escape from the financial black hole which threatens to swallow the struggling Russian economy.

The Italian foreign minister, Lamberto Dini, was quoted on Saturday as saying that a moratorium on Russia's estimated \$150bn (£90bn) of foreign debt is inevitable, because it is hardly possible for Russia to meet its short-term obliga-

Mr Dini said the EU should

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However Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, speaking at the EU foreign ministers' meeting in Salzburg, Austria, yesterday was quick to reject the idea of

a moratorium. "We must help Russia in difimmediately move towards a moratorium," said Mr Kinkel. He said that until now Russia had been a reliable debtor and it was important that it con- yesterday. tinued to service its debts to Germany German banks are estimated to have lent some DM54bn (£18bn) to Russia.

The public disagreement

between the two European

gloss off a recommendation nance ministers in Vienna at that three EU foreign minis- the end of September, by minters - Mr Kinkel, Austria's Wolfgang Schüssel and the UK Foreign Minister, Robin Cook, should fly to Moscow as soon as possible to discuss the growing crisis.

But there is no lack of scheduled debate on the issue. The deputy finance ministers ficult times but we mustn't of the Group of Seven nations will meet in London over the next 10 days to consider the implications of the Russian crisis. a Treasury spokesman said The meeting has been

called by the UK in its role as the current chairman of the G7, which lasts until the end of the year.

isters at the annual Commonwealth conference in Ottawa, and by the Group of Seven again when it gathers in Washington for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank early next month. But the official UK policy to-

wards Russia remains that the country should elect a new government to take control of policy and implement the economic reforms it undertook to make in order to secure a financial support package from the IMF in July.

Russia's central bank chairman, Sergei Dubinin, said that Russia would not default on its The crisis will also be disforeign debt. He told The In- nancial system.

statesmen took much of the cussed by the meeting of fi- dependent on Sunday at the weekend that Russia would do its best to meet its obligations even if the IMF broke off its loan programme.

But reports were circulating in London over the weekend that the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) would this week be forced to write off loans larger than the £250m written off last month by Barclays Bank

In the absence of any strong initiatives to resolve the crisis, the markets face a continuation of the slide of last week. The Tokyo market faces further bad news from companies reporting in the next few days and uncertainty over proposals to stabilise Japan's ailing fi-

### **Top City** analysts poached by US bankers

By Francesco Guerrera

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY, the United States' investment bank, has poached a team of top City banking analysts from one of its rivals, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson (DKB).

Salomon is preparing to announce today that DKB's United Kingdom banks team, which is headed by Simon Samuels. will join its existing banking an-

The DKB team, which also includes Nick Lord and Stuart Young, is one of the most highly-regarded group of analysts m the Square Mile.

Mr Samuels' team topped the 1998 Reuters Survey of Larger Companies, and it also came third in the Extel Survey of Investment Analysts, the City's most respected poll of analysts.

In addition, Jeremy Sigee will join Salomon from DKB's European banks team, the American bank will also be annoucing today.

These departures leave DKB severely weakened in one of the most important sec-

tors in Europe. Albert Richards, who is Salomon Smith Barney's head of European research, said: "With roughly \$1.3bn in market capitalisation, banking is the

largest sector in Europe. "The addition of Simon and his team further reinforces one of the best UK and Pan-European bank research teams, and it underscores Salomon Smith Barney's commitment to becoming a leading equities player in Europe".

The new arrivals will trigger a shake-up in Salomon's existing United Kingdom banks team. The American investment bank will announce that John Leonard, who is currently covering the UK and Europe, will become its full-time European analyst. Matthew Czepliewicz and Inigo Lecubarri, the other two UK analysts, are both expected to retain their places.

Mr Samuels joined Dresdner Kleinwort Benson in 1996 after a two-year spell working with Merrill Lynch, and an earlier career in fund management with Prudential Portfolio Management.

Mr Lord joined DKB in 1994. while Mr Young joined the bank in January last year after working with the broker, Charterhouse Tilney, as a banking

City experts said yesterday that DKB is expected to hit back and it would be in the acquisition market for other banks' analysts.

Top analysts teams include the Merril Lynch banking group, led by Richard Coleman, which came out on top in the Extel Survey; and HSBC Securities' analysts, led by Michael Lever, which came second.

BTALex, Brown's team, led by Mark Eady, was fourth behind DKB in this year's poll.

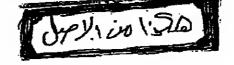
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# Are we paying to live in rip-off Britain?

AUGUST WAS not a good month for the supermarkets. First they learned that they were to be looked into by the Office of Fair Trading, which suspects they are making too much profit. And then the Murdoch press has begun attacking them for overpricing because so much of what they sell can be bought more cheaply in Europe.

So are we really living in "rip-off Britain" where the supermarkets gang up to extort huge margins from the ordinary shopper? I don't think so, but before I explain why, I must declare an interest. I am a regular customer and great fan of our supermarkets, one of which is

a customer of my firm. The reason why I don't think a comparison of a fairly small basket of items bought in England with its counterpart bought in France tells us anything about the profit margins of UK supermarkets is that, in the short run, any comparison of this sort is completely dominated by exchange rate movements.

Think back to that fateful Wednesday in September 1992 when sterling dropped out of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. In August the pound bought nearly 10 French francs. By October it bought little more than 8 francs - the actual fall was just over 14 per cent between the two



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The reason France seems cheaper is simply that we haven't yet adjusted to the rising pound

and found that the prices were roughly equal. Then, suppose that they did the exercise again in October. Inflation was low, so prices in each of the local currencies would scarcely have changed. But when the French prices were converted back into sterling at the new exchange rate, they would be 14 per cent higher Rip-off France?

The sterling devaluation in 1992, although quicker, was actually less than the appreciation of the pound that has taken place over the last two-and-a-half years. It has moved from a low point of just over 7.5 Now imagine that the investiga-tors had compared an English and francs before falling back to the prea French shopping basket in August sent rate of just under 10 francs.

of the British shopping basket, no less than 37 per cent. Rip-off doesn't initially change margins one iota, but it certainly makes our shopping basket look expensive.

Of course, local prices have changed. My charts show what has actually happened. UK retail prices have been growing faster than French prices, as the top chart shows. But the difference, which is around 2 per cent a year, is completely swamped by the exchange-rate movements, shown in the middle chart. The bottom chart puts the two together and shows how French prices, when converted from francs to pounds, have moved. This is the price of the French shopping basket to the British buyer.

Because of currency movements French goods have fallen in price by 15 per cent to the British shopper since the first quarter of 1996, while the price of the UK basket has marched steadily upwards by 8 per cent. No wonder then that Britain seems an expensive place to shop compared with France.

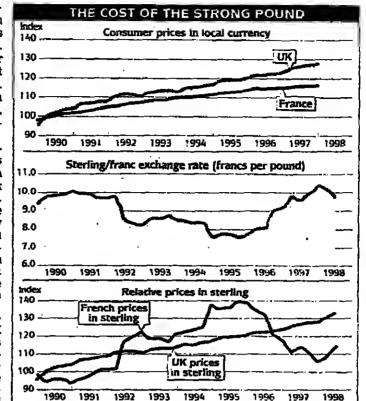
The bottom chart showing relative prices in a common currency is based on index numbers and only tells us about relative movements over time. It accords with common sense. Britain was uncompetitive -

Assuming for a moment that local that is, UK goods were more exprices were unaffected - I'll come pensive than French goods - in back to that - this has put the price 1990-92, which is why the pound was ultimately forced out of the ERM. compared with the French, up by It was then highly competitive for nearly four years, until it the recent Britain? The rising exchange rate appreciation wiped out that margin. At current exchange rates Britain looks somewhat uncompetitive. and our balance of payments is deteriorating.

Now we must of course look beyond exchange rate movements and ask what their effect will be on prices and on margins. Let us think When the pound is strong the wine in UK supermarkets looks very expensive compared to what you can buy in France. I priced a bottle of Pouilly Fumé at a mere £4 in a French supermarket this summer. You would be lucky to buy a wine of similar quality at twice the price

Rip-off Britain? No. because the expensive bottle you buy in the UK is more heavily taxed and was probably bought in by the supermarket at a price that reflects the old, less favourable, exchange rates. When the pound rises, individuals can nip over to Calais and buy cheap wine next day. It takes the supermarkets rather looger to replace their expensive stock.

You can be sure that the wine buyers in Tesco, Waitrose and Sainsbury's will have noticed my Pouilly Fumé, or similar opportunities, and the vigorous competition



good-value French wine will find its way on to British supermarket shelves. But finding the product in bulk, negotiating terms and drawing up new supply contracts takes

between them will ensure that Calais. Individuals can arbitrage in wine faster than supermarkets can. None of this is to deny that there are many things that you can buy more cheaply in French supermarkets than in English ones, even

down to a normal value. The fact is that the supermarkets sell 20,000 to 40,000 product lines, depending on their size. Many of these products may occupy very different niches in different markets and be priced accordingly. So you can always find a basket of rip-off goods if you look for one. To establish whether prices really are higher in general in the UK than in France is actually a pretty laborious statistical exercise. You cannot just select a handful of goods at random: you need to sample a wide variety of goods in a wide variety of locations. You need to establish standards to ensure you are comparing like with like.

The international organisations grapple with this and produce statistics telling us how much cheaper it is to buy a representative basket of goods in one country rather than another. According to the OECD earlier this year, you could buy that basket 7 per cent cheaper in France than in the UK. That is a carefully-researched figure and a fairly small difference. It is much more representative than some of the dramatic differences in the cost of particular items found by the Sunday Times.

And that 7 per cent difference tells us little or nothing about supermarket margins, It simply says UK prices have not fully adjusted to the effect of the rising pound.

Bill Robinson is a director of the



# Liffe in merger talks with Clearing House

LIFFE, THE London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, is considering a merger with the London Clearing House, a back-office operation that settles contracts for a number of City-based markets, including the London Metal exchange, the In-ternational Petroleum Exchange and Tradepoint.

A merger would make sense by eliminating duplication of costs for City-based banks and trading houses which deal on both Liffe and the other London exchanges whose "paperwork" is handled by LCH.

Reducing costs is seen as essential if the London markets. are to resist competition from hi-tech rivals on the continent especially Frankfurt which is threatening to take away a growing part of the international business of trading con-



BY CLIFFORD GERMAN

Williamson: Review

tracts in future interest rates, currencies and security indices. LCH's chief executive. David Hardy, was quoted as saying that: "We are as keen as Liffe to see its short-term interest rates

franchise remain extremely

successful because that is im-

Liffe was holding an open day for employees of member firms and their families yesterday, but a spokesman said that a merger with the LCH was being considered as part of an urgent review undertaken by the chief executive of Liffe,

Brian Williamson.

Mr Williamson was one of the founder-members of Liffe of 71 per cent in 12 months, back in 1982 and was brought back as executive chairman a fall of 27 per cent. two months ago to rally Liffe in its battle to prevent its share of international business in futures and options being eroded by its Frankfurt-based rival, Deutsche Terminbörse. In the past 12 months DTB has taken a stranglehold on trading in the instruments based on 10-year securities issued by the Bun-

DTB recently merged with said yesterday.

Soffex, the Swiss futures exchange, to form a new entity known as Eurex which has seized the initiative by switchmg to electronic screen-based trading, said to cost traders only a quarter of the traditional open-outcry trading system which still operates in London. In July Eurex traded 18.8 million contracts, an increase while Liffe traded 13.3 million,

Liffe plans to move to a partly screen-based system next year, but it was forced to abandon plans to move into a £44m purpose-built office in London's Spitalfields and to bring back Mr Williamson, who was also chairman of Gerrard, to conduct an urgent review of operations. That is about two-thirds complete, the Liffe spokesman

# Crabtree poised to fall to £9.5m bid

desbank.

CRABTREE, a Tyneside-based engineer, looked set to fall into German hands yesterday as it emerged that Stuttgart-based LTG Technologies was considering a £9.5m all-paper bid, writes Francesco Gnerrera. LTG may table a bid as early as this week after it secured the

company said Odey Asset Man- and installs printing, coating agement, which yesterday ac- and sheet handling equipment. quired 14.9 per cent of Crabtree, had agreed to accept LTG's paper in the event of an offer.

agreement of a major share- ing Crabtree and LTG togeth- They reached \$1.5p early in the

Crabtree said on Tuesday that it was in talks that might lead to an offer of at least 46p The spokesman said there per share. The shares closed on were clear synergies in bring- Friday at a year-low of 42.5p.

holder in Crabtree. The German er. Crabtree designs, makes year. Last year the company reported sales of £52.3m and pretax profits of 109,000. LTG has announced its in-

tention to become the first German company to float on London's junior Alternative In-

## Smiths sees US biochem firm as 'perfect' market fit

SMITHS INDUSTRIES is nego- BY CLIFFORD GERMAN tiating to buy Biochem International (BCI), a quoted United States company making vital signs-monitoring equip-ment and hand-held pulse oximeters in America, the company said yesterday.

The price under discussion is around \$83m (£49.6m). BCI's main shareholders,

who control 75 per cent of the stock, are negotiating to merge BCI into Smiths Industries Medical Systems.

BCI made pre-tax profits of sets of \$22m including \$10m in increase the range of Smiths will," he added.

cash. Based near Milwaukee, the American company employs 120 people, who will remain with the company as part of Smiths Industries. The company specialises in

pulse oximeters which measure pulse, pulse strength and oxygen levels in the blood. Smiths is a leading player in the respiratory care market, estimated to be worth \$1.5bn a year in

the US alone. With the trend towards pro-\$7.3m on sales of \$28m in the viding healthcare outside hospitals BCFs products will

complements our medical systems activities perfectly, by strengthening our product portfolio and increasing our opportunities to supply small

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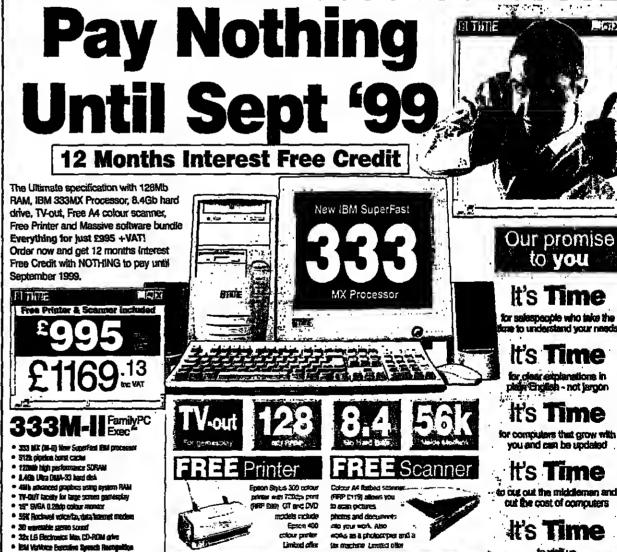
dustries, said vesterday: "BCI

Keith Butler-Wheelhouse,

ospitals and clinics. "We expect the deal to enhance profits in the first year,

The deal comes at an important time for Smiths Industries. After nudging the 1,000p mark earlier this year the shares fell to a 30-month low of 640p recently, and they are now in grave danger of dropping out of the FTSE 100 Index at the next quarterly review of qualifying companies.
Relegation would have po-

tentially serious consequences for the share price as institutions and fund managers committed to investing in the top 100 shares and tracker funds invariably dump the shares in companies.



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# Footsie aristos face the index guillotine

FOOTSIE'S Judgement Day is only two days away and chief executives and investors of a number of hlue-chip companies are quaking in their boots. The quarterly review of the London stock market index's constituents is due on Wednesday, and a few big players - including unbelievably, British Steel - could be

thrown out of the Footsie 100. The rules are cruelly simple. Companies will be judged on the basis of their market capitalisation at close of play on Tuesday. Footsie members ranking 111th or below will be relegated to the mid-cap, to be replaced by FTSE-250ers with a market value higher than the 90th-placed business. In practice, this means that if your market cap falls below £2.7bn or so you are dropped to the exchange's second division.

The decision will be announced on Wednesday evening and the indices will be reshuffled on 21 September. For the unlucky ones which fail to make the cut on Judgement Day, life on the market will never be the same again. For a start, the company's prestige slumps and the directors will have to brace themselves for a fall in the number of invitations to dinner parties in ex-

clusive clubs and the like. More importantly, the loss of the coveted status as one of the UK's top 100 companies tends to have a negative impact on the share price as tracker funds withdraw their support. These passive investments aim to mirror the performance of the benchmark index and they stop buying in when a company is relegated, switching to the new Footsie members.

So who is most at risk of being relegated on Wednesday? The oil explorer Lasmo looks odds-on for the drop. Weak oil prices and difficult

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trading conditions have pushed the shares from a 297.5p year high to a lowly 162p, giving a market cap of £1.5bn, well below the £2.7bn threshold.

In fact, Lasmo could be kicked out today, when Allied Zurich, the group formed from the merger of the Swiss insurer with BAT's financial services arm, goes straight into the Footsie. Lasmo could be joined by rival Enterprise Oil on Wednesday. The shares have almost halved since the year high and the market cap hovers around £1.7bn.

The leisure group, Rank, is also in the danger zone. The stock has been hammered by strategic mistakes and the market value is around £2bn. Building materials group £300m and £418m, up from last

Lasmo

Enterprise Oil

Smiths Industries

**British Steel** 

dustries look rather unsteady. but the shock of the quarter could come with the expulsion of British Steel. The strength of the pound has wiped some £1.6bn from BS's market cap in the past 12 months, leaving it perilously close to the brink.

The pack of mid cappers pushing at the Footsie's doors is led by Colt Telecom. The fibre-optic specialist's price has grown tenfold since coming to the market 10 years ago, and admission to the market's pantheon would be the icing on the cake. Securicor is also a safe bet: its 40 per cent stake in mobile phone operator Cellnet has done wonders for the security group's share price and market value is now well within sight of the £2.7bn

Southern Electric, the utility which is merging with Scot-tish Hydro-Electric, Sema, the IT group, and the cigarette makers, Imperial Tobacco and Gallagher, are also strong candidates for inclusion.

The rest of the week's interest will be provided by a raft of results, including a cluster of companies which are, and will remain, in the Footsie. Norwich Union, the life assurer which floated last year, is expected to report a maiden interim profit of between

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tish Steel	2.1	Gallagher 2.6

RMC and engineer Smiths In-vear's £288m. New business on the life side has not ben sparkling and the strength of

the pound will take the gloss

off the overseas result.

P&O, the cruise-to-containers giant, reports on Tues-day and could deliver its first increase in interim dividend in eight years. Analysts are shooting for a £135m half-year profit, up from £118m a year ago, thanks to a strong performance by the cruising division. Watch out for any news on the sale of its construction

division Bovis.

LucasVarity interims will be scrutinised to see how much the recent strike at General Motors has impacted the car engineer's profits. GM is the largest customer for Lucas's brakes, and analysts at BT Alex.Brown have taken £15m from their estimate to reflect the factory closures. They are now going for £165m, an 11 per cent advance on last year.

The Mirror Group analysts' meeting should be fun. City experts will grill the chief executive, David Montgomery, over the company's strategy following the dual collapse of talks with the German group Axel Spring and with regional newspaper group Trinity. Some analysts are grumbling that the group lacks a coherent strategy and they look to new chairman Victor Blank as the man to steer Monty in the tht direction.

Lord Hollick's United ws & Media is on the block Wednesday. The shares ve had an abysmal run ice it announced the deerger of its money-broking siness, underperforming e market by around 11 per nt. The interims should proe little solace, with analysts ng for a fall from £167m to, ,£160m, due to larger losson Channel 5 and on the inactive service husiness.

#### IN BRIEF

#### NFF raïses £1m with sell-off

NFF, until recently Northumbria Fine Foods, the biscuit and cake manufacturer and wholesale distributor, has raised £1m in cash by selling its remaining 19 per cent stake in Lees of Scotland – which has been sold to Burness (Trustees) for £430,000 - and the Coatbridge factory until recently occupied by Lees. which has been sold to a

third party for £575,000. The proceeds of the two disposals will be used to finance the acquisition of Lovells Confectionery, the Newport-based chocolate manufacturer, which was bought from the receiver last week.

#### **Bass goes Dutch**

THE HOTELS and brewing giant Bass is considering a bid for the Dutch lager brewer Grolsch, which last week rejected a £370m offer from its Belgian rival Interbrew.

Bass already has a joint venture with Grolsch which gives it UK rights to market tha Dutch brand in the UK. Bass is also said to be the lead hidder for the Gleneagies hotel and golf complex which is valued at around £80m.

#### Broker sold

OLD MUTUAL, the South African insurance and investment company, has bought the UK stockbroker Albert E Sharp in a deal worth £40m, according to press reports.

The Birmingham-based broker specialises in Midlands engineering and automotive firms, hut it also has 13 branches, a substantial private client husiness and up to £5bn of funds under management. Last December Old Mutual paid £80m for another UK stockbroker, Capel-Cure

Old Mutual was unavailable for comment vesterday

#### Bovis 'on offer'

P&O IS SAID to be in discussions to sell its construction subsidiary Bovis to Hochtief, the German construction and contracting business.

P&O floated its residentia housebuilding arm Bovis Homes on the stock market last December, and had planned to make a similar exit from Bovis Construction before the latest round of turmoil hit the London stock

A trade sale is now seen as the only way to dispose of the construction business in the immediate future.

# Firm with designs on Man United

RUPERT MURDOCH'S takeover attempt was not Manchester United's only worry this weekend. The football club and Jakob Stam, the most expensive defender in the world at £10.5m, are suing a Manchester businessman after he registered the right to use the trademark "Jaap Stam" on shirts, caps and a host of other prod-

Robert Kershaw, who runs Kershaw Rose" together with his partner Jennifer Rose in Frodsham, Cheshire, said yesterday that although he had not seen Manchester United's writ yet they could "do nothing about" his use of the footballer's name.

Mr Kershaw said yesterday: "I caught drift that United were going to sign Jaap Stam from the European papers, and thought, why not?' I registered 29 trademarks, including Jaap Stam', 'Stam 1', Jaap Stam Sports and Leisure Limited' and so on.

The businessman, whose ine-year-old firm forms limited companies and provides offshore banking services, is unrepentant: "We've got 20,000 [Jaap Stam] shirts to go within the next 10 days and 10,000 base ball caps. An Asian friend of mine from Wolverhampton is producing them."

Manchester United first contacted Mr Kershaw about the matter three weeks ago, he says. "I sent them a price list."

On Tuesday the club and Jakob Stam together issued a writ in London's High Court through their solicitors James Chapman & Co of Manchester. The writ calls for injunctions against Mr Kershaw requiring to him to change the names in the registrations, so that they no longer include the name "Jaap Stam". The writ also aplies for damages.

FORTE (UK) Ltd has applied to repossess part of the Café Royal in London's Regent Street which was used by "Cheers", a theme ber based on the American TV series, which went bust a fortnight ago.

The bar "where everybody cnows your name" was brought to London a year ago by the entrepreceur Alan Panlilo, but: failed to take off. Now Forte has issued a writ in the High Court to repossess the brasserie and bar on the ground floor and basement of the Café Royal.

A spokeswoman for Forte, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Granada, said last want to lease."

The receivers to Cheers UK Limited, Peter Copp and Geoff Kinlon of BDO Stoy Hayward's London office, were unavailable for comment.

**SUING** WHOM

JOHN WILLCOCK



The claim by Forte is due to be heard in the High Court in front of Master Bowman this

Forte has retained Gerry Aylott of solicitors Paisner & Co. while the receivers to Cheers are using Dibb Lupton Alsop's London office,

When the Cheers theme bar went into receivership last month Paramount Pictures. which holds the licence for the TV series, said it was confident that the bar would be sold as a going concern.

CONQUEST INNS of Enfield, Middlesex, is sning the Master, Fellows and Scholars of Jesus College Cambridge over a lease of an un-

named building. Conquest Inns is demanding a declaration from the High Court that the college is not entitled to forfeit the lease and that the College cannot obejet to an underlease granted by Conquest to one AW Mosely on 5 November

Conquest Inus issued the writ on 28 August through Eversheds, agents for its lawyers Kimbell & Co of Milton Keynes.

THE OWNERS of a husiness building in Great Queen Street, London, have issued a writ to repossess the premises from Mohammed Abdur Rashid, who went bankrupt on 19 Feb-ruary this year. The lease of the ground floor

and basement of 35, Great confidential information Queen Street, dates back to 23 (whether in the form of docu-September 1988, when the Right Honourable Christopher Plaintiff pertaining to his per-Hiley Ludlow Viscount Bledis- sonal or financial affairs; week: "The Café Royal is ours loe QC, and the Right Hon- and/or directing, counseling, - it's part of our portfolio. The ourable Barry Owen Somerset part of it where Cheers was, we Baron Farnham, leased the

The lease was then taken over by Alfredo Moruzzi and Bernard Zucconi, and it subsequently passed to Mr Rashid on 12 January 1990.

The owners issued a writ for repossession on 24 April 1998 in the Queen's Bench division of the High Court. The writ was theo transferred to the Chancery Divisioo last week.

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The owners. Lieutenant Colonel Sir Neil Gordon Thorne OBE TO DL and The Rev Peter Hemingway, give their address on the writ as Freemasons Hall Great Queen Street, London. They issued the writ through their solicitors Wedlake

The writ claims that the lease contains a proviso for reentry into the property if the rent goes into arrears for 21 days or if the tenant goes bank-

The writ says that Mr Rashid fulfilled hoth conditions, going bankrupt and failing to pay arrears of rent of

According to the writ the only other party with an interest in the lease is the Bank for Credit and Commerce International SA, the bank that was put into liquidation by regula-tors in 1991 after massive logg term fraud had been discov-

PRINCE JEFRI BOLKIAH, the younger brother of the Sultan of Brunei, has issued a writ dated 24 August against the ac-

countancy firm KPMG. At a brief hearing last Wednesday at the High Court in the Strand, the parties agreed to a lengthier hearing this week, to be held either on

Wednesday or Thursday. The writ, which was issued through the solicitors Lovell White Durrant, seeks an iniunction to restrain KPMG from supplying sensitive in-formation about Prince Jefri to a third party.

Prince Jefri is concerned that sensitive information gleaned by KPMG when they were working for him last year may now be divulged to the Government of Brunei, which has recently launched an investigation into the Prince's finances. The Government has retained KPMG to compile a report on Prince Jeiri's finances, and he claims this is a conflict. of interest. The writ is the re-

The Prince's claim is for an injunction to restrain KPMG from "using or disclosing any ments or otherwise) of the procuring or authorising any other person, firm or company to do any of the aforesaid acts".

The writ also claims "damages for misuse of confidential information, together with an order for the payment of all sums found due."

#### Older graduates lose | MUNDAY - MAIN out in hunt for jobs

GRADUATES in their later twen- graduates, the report says. ties are being told they are too recruitment and training schemes without age limits.

one in seven graduates is now aged 26 or over when they led to believe they are 'over the qualify. Many who began or completed their studies later than most students cannot find work or are forced to take clerical work or work for younger

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The forum says more than all employers to follow suit. "Some individuals are being hill' by the time they are 29 that is damaging for society as

a whole," the report says. For an AGCAS fact-sheet, telephone 01227-782 285.

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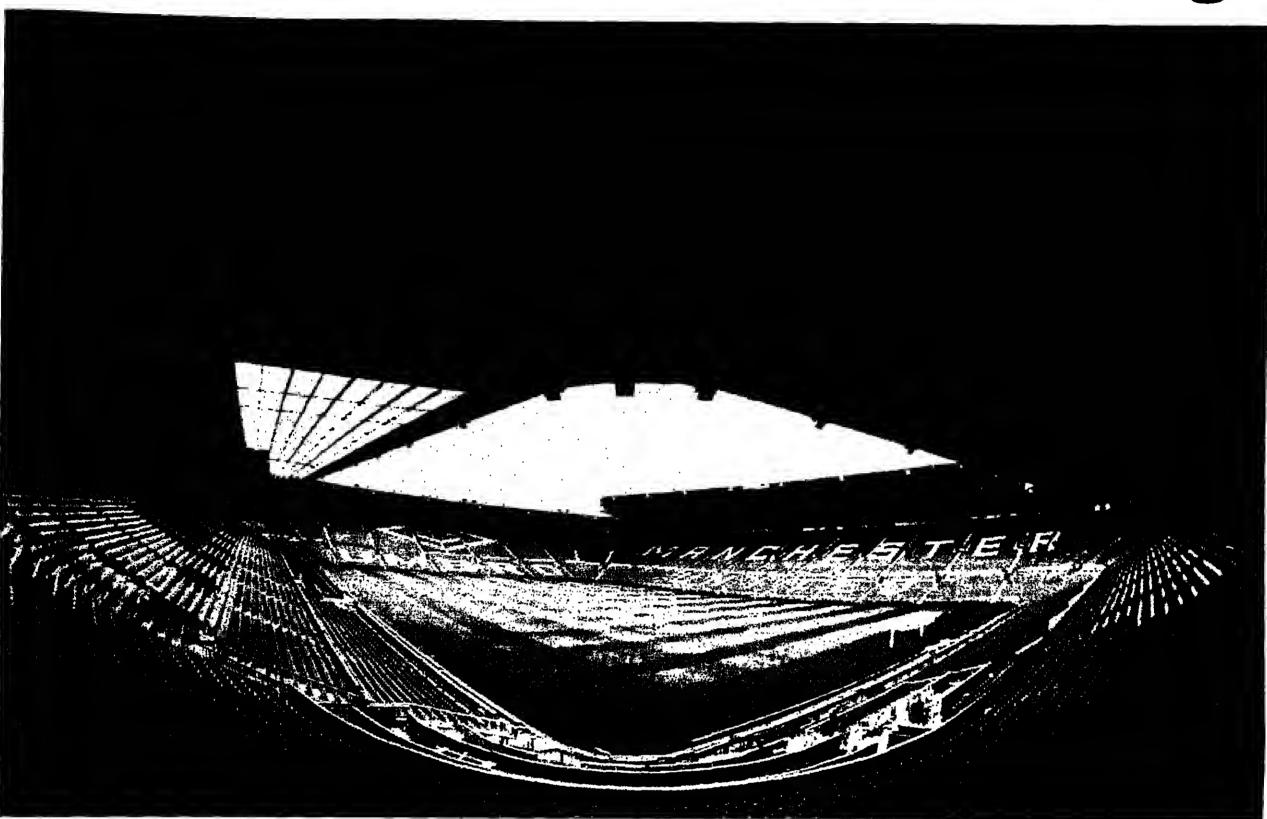
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# **SPORT**

Football: Chief executive Edwards is set to make a killing in sale of the century - but at what cost to the game?

# United primed to sell their heritage



Old Trafford's legendary Theatre of Dreams may soon become the property of BSkyB if the club accepts a reported £575m bid from the satellite television company

Mark Thompson/Allsport

BY GUY HODGSON

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AS TIME goes by Keith Burkinshaw's words as be left Tottenham Hotspur in 1984 become more relevant almost daily "There used to be a football club over there," he said nodding in the direction of White Hart Lane, and as he delivered his parting shot he could have been bidding goodbye to the umbilical chord between the man in the street and the team he supports.

There used to be a football club at Old Trafford, too, but now there is a monolithic business concern called Manchester United plc and BSkyB's intention to make a bid of a reported £575m for it leaves no doubt the last three letters are becoming increasingly dominant. The People's Game? Not any more.

If the reports are true, one person will be rubbing his hands more than anyone. Nine years ago Martin Edwards, the club's chief executive, agreed to sell his 50.2 per cent share in the club to Michael Knighton for £10m. At 225 pence per share, his diluted 14 per cent stake would be worth £80m and there are suggestions be has already accepted the offer from Rupert Murdoch's satellite television company

"It could be we'll for ever more be known as Sky United," Andy Walsh of the Independent Manchester United Supporters' Association, said yesterday. "Our fear

would be that Rupert Murdoch will exploit the Manchester United

name for his own ends. "It again shows the crying need for regulation in football because the fat cats of the City are more interested in coming in and stripping clubs of their assets rather than de-

made initially by buying and selling property, would meet the definition of a "fat cat", but it was he who first guessed at the true value of the club, and indeed football in this country. Sir Matt Busby made Manchester United but Knighton, now the owner of Carlisle United, understood the commercial worth of

the name. "When Martin mentioned the figure he wanted I didn't quibble," Knighton explained later. "I agreed straight away, there was no haggling. It was a snip. I couldn't believe I was getting control of United for £10m. There were people 1 knew

who would have paid twice that." It was only when doubts about Knighton's consortium surfaced and the deal collapsed - albeit at the cost of bis being accepted on to the club's board - that it became apparent the price Edwards had acundervaluation. It was partly to prevent a repetition that United were floated two years later for £47m.

Ferguson's football teams who have won four championships and two a time when most clubs run at a loss even with huge amounts of television money, United's profits have veloping the game itself."
Knighton, whose fortune was rocketed from £4.2m in 1993 to £26.2m in 1997.

Branding has come in with a vengeance so that it is now possible to drink United soft-drinks, ternazionale (£90m), make while dressed in club merchandise

one of commercial success far out- before retiring to sleep under a Ryan stripping even the triumphs of Alex Giggs duvet. All can be bought, of course, with the ManU credit card.

It is not popular with supporters. Doubles in the last six aeasons. At who have experienced growing distaste about where the club is heading but no-one could criticise the cluh's commercial prowess. Last year the annual revenue rose to £87.9m which is nearly as much as two giants of European football, Italian clubs Juventus and In-

company's involvement in the sport that has been fundamental to its own profitability. In 1992, when BSkyB first signed

the close of the Stock Exchange on

Friday and means investors will

have increased their initial invest-

ment 16-fold in seven years,

amounts to more than just buying

the biggest football club in Eu-

rope, however. It guarantees the

a deal with the Premier League,

#### The club that nearly went broke

WALK INTO Old Trafford today and the overwhelming impression is of affluence. A huge ground, a team full of millionaires, it is the football equivalent of Louis XIV'a court at Versailles. Yet Manchester United almost never came into being, writes

In 1902, Newton Heath Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway FC were broke. The players had pawned their best suits in heu of wages, the club owed £2,670 and creditors had opened bankruptcy proceedings. If you had to predict a cepted had been a serious future for the club, it would have

Enter John Henry Davies and the some of their football staff. true pathfinder to the position where The story since then has been the club today is worth more than United, who moved to Old Trafford

£500m. The director of a brewery, how be became aware of the club's plight is wrapped in legend. The dog of Newton Heath's captain, Harry Stafford, is said to have strayed to Davies' home; on its return the subject of football cropped up, and a sav-

Davies and Stafford bought the chub, changed its name to Manchester United and its team colours from green and gold to red and white and profited to the time of four players (including Billy Meredith) when local rivals Manchester City were found guilty of making illegal payments and ordered to transfer

The rest is history? Not quite.

in 1910, won the Championship in 1907-8 and 1910-11 and the FA Cup in 1909, but by the 1930s their best appeared to be behind them. Promoted from the Second Divisioo in 1936, they went down the following year and up again in 1938 and became known as the yo-yo club. Today's Sunderland would be a good

comparison. It was in February 1945, with the ground a bombed-out shell, that greatness finally arrived in the shape of a small Scot. Matt Busby, a half-back with Liverpool, had been offered a coaching job at Anfield but chose instead the manager's job at Old Trafford. The foundation stone of the Theatre of Dreams had

erably higher than the 159p price at households subscribed to satellite, a figure that has since grown to seven million. Not all of that expansion can be attributed to football but no one would dispute it has been of paramount importance.

BSkyB paid £647m to renew their rights to screen the Premiership but such is the competition that when the current contract runs out in 2001 the price is likely to be in excess of £1 billion. That is if the league can be sold as an entity because clubs have shown increasing interest in going it alone with payper-view

Murdoch made an offer in the summer to introduce pay-per-view this season and it was the Premiership's refusal to reach agreement with the satellite television company that almost certainly prompted his move now. It may or may not be a coincidence that United's own television service, MUTV. which comes on air this Thursday, is headed by a former sports editor of The Sun, Paul Ridley.

By buving United, BSkyB would be taking out an insurance policy, not only against clubs going it alone but also against the prospect of a European super league which could make their own coverage of domestic football of secondary im-

No super league could take off without English television audi- Hotspur?

BSkyB's offer, which is consid- there were around two million ences and no English clubs would be foolhardy enough to join if the higgest draw, United, remained within the Football Association fold.

Murdoch already owns a portfolio of sporting interests including the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team and the Los Angeles Lakers and the New York Knicks basketball teams, but United could be the most important for his business interests. The club's support extends far beyond Britain and is particularly healthy in the Far East which is an area covered by Murdoch's Star satellite acrvice.

The most vocal opposition to the deal will come from United's supporters but more influential will be other Premiership clubs and television companies who will almost certainly complain to the Office of Fair Trading about the deal.

There are implications here that mean it can't be regarded just as one publicly quoted company being taken over by another," Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, said yesterday "It can't sail through because there are repercussions for sport in general."

You suspect the damage has been done already if BSkyB are thwarted there are other companies without a possible conflict of interest who would probably succeed. How much longer before IC1 Middlesbrough face Amstrad

# Sinking warning amid a raft of statistics

Rothmans Rugby Union Annual 1998-99, edited by Mick Cleary and John Griffiths (Headline,

£17.99, paperback). Allied Dunbar Playfair Rugby Union Annual, edited by Brendan Gallagher and Stuart Farmer (Headime, £4.99, paperback).

THE FIXTURE farce which had tainted the new season even before it had begun, with matches on, off and outlawed, did no favours to the compilers of the game's reference books.

So, although the fixture sections of these worthy volumes have to be taken in conjunction with daily hourly even, judging by the way both sides shift their ground checks in the media, they still carry

#### **BOOK OF** THE WEEK

rafts of statistical and biographical information that the rugby fan will

find invaluable. As co-editor Mick Cleary said at the Rothmans launch: "We have introduced a new competition for readers - Fantasy Fixture League." It is not quite as bad as that, but at least someone can see some hu-

mour in the silly pre-season. Rothmans has something of a head start, this being its 27th year, but Playfair has established itself as an essential complement to its big brother. There is enough that is different between the two to make them a worthwhile joint buy.

In the past, Rothmans has not been able to carry a record of summer tours in its year of publication. Typically, this time around England's pitiful southern hemisphere slog beat the deadlines, so the four Test defeats against Australia (a record 76-0 surrender), New Zealand (two defeats) and the 18-0 defeat in South Africa, are

there in inglorious black and white. So is pretty well every other representative match of significance last season. There are well documented international sections for all the major Test playing countries and the awards reflect Rothmans

globai approach.

Their player of the year is the French prop Christian Califano, introduced in Cleary's habitually wry fashion. Personality of the year is the New Zealand coach John Hart. The choice, Cleary pointed out, was made before the All Blacks

slumped so dramatically. Statistically, Rothmans is its usual exemplary self, with detailed club sections for all home countries, courtesy of its other co-editor, John Griffiths. Where the Playfair Annual scores over its stablemate is in the chib section where hours of factfinding have resulted in a superbly researched biographical and statistical background to every player in every club at the time of

Unfortunately, for co-editors Brendan Gallagher and Stuart Farmer the transfer market does not acknowledge publishing deadlines, but nevertheless the majority of the players in Allied Dunbar Premiership are included.

Playfair's editorial carries a doom-laden warning as it attacks the war of words that has bedevilled the sport since the game went professional three years ago.

"Everyooe .. must put aside.. the mistrust and rancour which hangs over British rugby, particularly in England...this season or the game in the four home unions could slip into terminal decline," writes Gallagher.

DAVID LLEWELLYN

#### THIS WEEK'S TOP TEN SPORTS BOOKS

1 Bobby Robson - My Autobiography - An Englishman Abroad (Macmillan, hardback, £16.99). 2 The Official NFL 1998 Record and Fact Book (Workman, paper-

back, £14.99). 3 Anything But... An Antobiography, Richie Benaud (Hodder & Stoughton, hardback, £17.99)

4 Rothmans Football Yearbook 1998-99, edited by Glenda Rollin (Headline, paperback, £17.99). 5 FA Carting Premiership Pocket Annual 1998-99, Bruce Smith (Virgin, paperback, £1.99).

6 Kick Off - The Official Premier League Fans' Guide 1998-99, edited by Mike Ivey (Sidan Press, paperback, £5.99). 7 News of the World Football Annual 1998-99, edited by Eric Brown (Invincible Press, paperback, £5.99).

8 My 1998 World Cup Story, Glenn Hoddle with David Davies (Andre Deutsch, hardback, £17.99). 9 Inside the All Blacks, Robin McConnell (Harper Collins NZ, hardback, £17.99).

10 The Paddy and The Prince - The Making of Naseem Hamed, Nick Pitt (Yellow Jersey, hardback, £16.00). List compiled by Sportspages Bookshops 94-96 Charing Cross Road, London

(0171 240-9604) and St Ann's Square, Manchester (0161 832-8530) and

Bouvang to score.

### Paul at the head of Wigan's procession

HENRY PAUL, who is leaving Wigan at the end of the season, provided a timely reminder of his skills with a man-of-thematch performance in the Warriors' 58-6 win over Hull.

The Kiwi stand-offscored two of his side's 12 tries as Wigan reopened a two-point lead over Leeds at the top of Super League. Just under 8,000 - the lowest attendance of the season at Central Park - watched Steve Prescott kick the Sharks into a 2-0 lead before conceding the first try to Paul.

Gilmour, pondering the offer of sional foul, by grabbing tries a two-year extension to his cona two-year extension to his contract, also both touched down Forster twice and Gary Connolly grabbed his 100th try for the club as the game turned into a

The Sharks winger, Filli Salford.

might have been expected to miss the injured Martin Moana. they had, in Clinch and Chester. players whose instinct was to open up play, starting with Chester's long pass to Des Clark, cleverly turned inside by the second-row man for David

Chester was again the provider for Bouvang in the 12th minute, before his run set up the position from which Clinch released Daio Powell for the

Clinch also sent Karl Harrison charging over for Halifax's

try hut it could have been even worse for Hull as the Wigan captain, Andy Farrell, had an unusually bad day with the boot, collecting only five goals

from 12 attempts. Warrington celebrated the 100th anniversary of their Wilderspool Stadium with a 36-8 win over the bottom club Huddersfield, who are still looking

for their first win since June. Warrington got off to a dream start, taking advantage of the 10th-minute sin-binning Jason Robinson and Lee of James Bunyan for a profes-

> Brad Davis and Danny Orr scored two tries apiece and kicked five goals between them in Castleford's 30-12 win over

Fortunately for a team that been even more safely in the lead if Martin Pearson had kicked any of his goals. Clinch even showed him how that should be done, albeit with a drop goal, hefore half-time.

Sheffield, who went into the game with some hopes of still making fifth place, had their best period immediately after the break, culminating in Paul Carr's try. They were pushed firmly back in their place, however, by Halifax's South African winger Jamie Bloem, who scored the first of his battrick when Clinch and Chester moved the ball virtually the width of the field in two passes. The over-stretching of the

Eagle's resources was underlined when they packed down with their full-back, Waisale Sovatabua, at prop, and their centre, Whetu Taewa, in the It was not long before Clinch

initiated another attack from which Bloem again scored, Pearson at last landing his first Keith Senior got a Sheffield

try that he deserved for his personal efforts hefore Clinch's educated hands sent Bloem away once more for another converted try. The best that could be said of the depleted Eagles was

they tried to stick to their hopeless task, Willie Morganson going over in the last minute, but a place in the play-offs now looks beyond them.



Hull's David Stephenson fails to prevent Wigan's Henry Paul from going over the line yesterday during the Central Park side's 58-6 victory

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**Coxless four** lead the way for Britain

BY HUGH MATHESON in Cologne

THE BRITISH team shone in the opening heats of the World Championships here yesterday, with each crew placed as high as could be expected in pursuit of a place in the finals next weekend

They were led, as usual, by the coxless four, who confirmed their position as world champions with a masterful display. winning a heat at 32 atrokes to the minute and apparently 10 per cent below their maximum. The single scullers each fin-

shed second. For Greg Searle and Guin Batten, this was a pleasant return to form. Neither had been seeded for a place and each had to beat a former champion to make it. For Searle, it was true to the script since 1991 to arrive at the Championships in great form after a season of underachievement by his own gold standard. Guin Batten has also struggled this year but looked assured in pushing the Henley winner, Maria Brandin, into third place.

In the lightweight event Peter Haining, the eloquent Scot who has won the world championship three times. must have been a little disappointed to finish behind James Martinez, of the United States. More worrying, Martinez gained an extra two seconds shortly after half way and although Haining raised the rate to 38 strokes to the minute he was unable to close the gap decisively

The men's lightweight eight have dominated in Europe throughout the season but succumbed in the heats to the

only crew they have not met. The United States finished with a quarter length of clear water. Jason Keys, the stroke, said it was soggy from the start and the eight never found the rhythm the earlier races had shown. The race times confirmed that his crew had rowed hadly rather than the United States been unexpectedly good. In the other heat, crews normally behind the British had quicker finish times.

The women's pair of Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop, who started the season well only to unravel slightly at Lucerne. looked out of sorts in the first half of their heat, slipping back to fourth place at 1,000m. However, when they put in their trademark final push they closed up on the Canadian world champions and set the second fastest time of the event.

The women's double scull justified their seeding, despite making only one appearance this year and won a fine heat, leading in a new Romanian crew, who might yet pose a threat come the final on Saturday.

The men's pair and double scull, both novice crews at this level, pushed up to good third places and earned themselves an easier run through the repechage system tomorrow. ■ Seville has pipped Munich and Milan in the race to stage the 2002 World Championships Fisa, the international rowing federation, awarded the event to the Spanish city by a majority decision. It will be the first time Spain has staged a rowing world championships. Fisa also named Duisburg in Germany and Trakai in Lithuania as the host cities for the 2001 and 2002 World Junior Championships.

### Doohan cuts deficit

MOTORCYCLING

MICHAEL DOOHAN swept to his third consecutive San Marino 500cc Grand Prix victory yesterday to set up the closest ever on 189 points but is now just run-in in the world championship. The Australian won in and seven ahead of Criville. 46min 00.092sec from Spain's Alex Criville in second and Italy's Max Biaggi in third.

horsepower circuit. It's not Netherlands. about power, it's about flicking the hike around on the bumps and corners. It's a track I like."

Doohan's victory over his rty, who is in third, with one Honda team-mate, Criville, leaves the championship wide on 4 October open. With four rounds to go Biaggi still leads the standings

four points clear of Doohan The World Superbike championship is heading for a thrilling finale after wins for "It's certainly a special track Carl Fogarty and Pier- race after Chili crashed out on

champion said. "It's not a yesterday at Assen in the

leader Troy Corser, secondplaced Aaron Slight and Foga-

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round to go, at Sugo in Japan

Chili won yesterday's opening race after passing Fogarty on the last of the 16 laps to secure his fifth win of the season on a Ducati. Corser finished third after taking an early lead while Slight was fourth on the Honda.

for me," the four-times world Francesco Chili in round 11 the last corner. Slight was second and Corser third. A mere half-point now separates Cors-A total of six points separate er from Slight in the championship standings

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#### McGwire and Sosa set to make history

BY RUPERT CORNWELL

THROUGHOUT THE season they have tracked each other. Tonight Mark McGwire, of the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa go Fogarty won the second head-to-head in a two-game demise of the most famous brought America together." record in American sport.

> On Saturday night, against clubbed his 60th bome run of the season, to equal Babe Ruth's feat in 1927 and bring him within one of tying Roger Maris' record of 61, which has survived for 37 years. Sosa, meanwhile, smashed his third homer in four games, to lift his season's total to 58, a feat achieved by only five others in baseball history.

Conceivably the record could have already gone, in yesterday's third face-off between the Cardinals and the Reds. But there would be no more fitting moment than anteeing an instant fortune for tomight or tomorrow, when the two hitters, whose contest has at the right moment.

made baseball the national pastime once more, slug it out face to face in Busch Stadium St Louis.

"It's unbelievable, what can you say?" said a relaxed McGwire after smiting No. 60. "With-St. Louis Cardinals, and the out a doubt, the fans are coming back. What's happening with myself and Sosa has series which could witness the hrought baseball back, and it's Their exploits are all the

more remarkable in that both the Cincinnati Reds, McGwire play in the National League, where the pitchers are regarded as better, and the stadia are larger, than in the rival American League, where both Maris and Ruth played for the New York Yankees. The two Cardinal/Cubs

games have long been sold out. and tickets are exchanging for a fortune on the black market. But the really hig memorabilia money is yet to be made. A husinessman enthusiast has reportedly offered \$1m (£602,000) for the ball which goes for the 62nd homer - guar-

#### SPORTS BETTING

### Leeds should make Southampton suffer

BY IAN DAVIES

LEEDS UNITED, who have made a solid enough start to the season, should make short work of struggling Southampton in their Premiership game at Elland Road tomorrow night. The Division One champions

Nottingham Forest, who have made a bright start to their Premiership campaign, are fancied to contain the out-of-form Everton, who look set for another difficult season.

On Wednesday, Aston Villa, who impressed at Sheffield Wednesday, should overwhelm Newcastle, who caved in tamely at home to Liverpool recently, at Villa Park

The encounter between Chelsea and Arsenal at Stamford Bridge seems destined to end in a draw. It would also come as no surprise to see midtable types Derby and Sheffield Wednesday fight out a draw at Pride Park and old rivals Leicester and Middlesbrough may also draw at Filbert Street. Liverpool, fancied in this

neck of the woods at 7-1 to win the title when the season started, should be too strong for Cors. H milion HR. L Ladroves. S Startes, T loss

Coventry City at Anfield, while Manchester United should bring Charlton down to earth at Old Trafford.

Blackburn can capitalise on Spurs' problems, while the game between the West Ham and Wimbledon at Upton Park could be another draw.

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- 15 declared -BETTING: 11-2 Ludy Bowers, 6-1 La Scour d'Albert, Zola Power, 7-1 Hani-bel Lady, 8-1 Brockton Saga, Space Babe, Grossfeen Lady, 10-1 others FORM YERDICT

Pick of a moderate collection could be BROCKTON SAGA, who improved on previous ettorts last time and may be open to further improvement. Also unexposed are Le Seeur d'Albert and Top Tarn, who are feared most

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	5-1 My Legal Eagle, 6-1 Amington Girl, 7-1 A	
Mariana, So	pring Beacon, 10-1 Sumberra, Sherp Monkey,	Junction Cf

FORM VERDICT This looks a very tricky heat in The Stocks and, more per-tockarly, Afficionado have both been given chances by the handcapper, while Thirst wirner My Legal Eagle and visored-first-time Sumbawa should be considered. Preference, how-ever, is for SPRING BEACON, who has a bit to find on form but is relatively unexposed and performed with promise last

3.00 BATHFORD NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) 28,000 added 2YO 1m 

— 16 declared — Marinum weight: 7st 16th. True handlesp weight: Aright Pope 7st 6th. September 13-2 Joyace Player, 8-1 September Harvest, Gino's Spirite, Lady Muck, Courso Jeck, 10-1 Debte Dancer, Bethveick, Autoorat, Benningham Brista, Over The Counter, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT
An open nursery in which JOYEUX PLAYER has sound claims, is one of the least exposed and will have the assistance of Keren Faller. Diable Dameer and Lady Muck are consistent, promise to be well suited by the step up to \*im and are entitled to be thereabouts, too

3.30 AVON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 3f 144yds

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BOOK TOWN Nest, 16-1 others

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Just a law maiden which looks well within the compass of KEY ACADEMY. This longer distance should favour Con Horgan's well-related filly and the unity question mark will concern the ground should rain cause conditions to ease markedly

4.00 LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER MAIDEN H'CAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 1 m 51

- 15 doctored - 5ETTING: 5-1 Wild Colonial Boy, 6-1 Snow Partidge, 7-1 Genetic, 6-1 Orbit, Peppara, Flakts Of Owingh, 10-1 Packark, Saintly Thoughts, Chocolate Box, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT A very competitive race of its type. Snow Partridge locks cartain to be in the shake-up again and there are several others, such as Wild Colonial Boy and Sen Glarmore Metody who are consistent enough to warrant respect. They have all had their chances before, however, and GENETIC makes more appeal as a lightly-raced three-year-old from whom inprovement is more than a possibility.

4.30 SHERSTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 51 161yds £3,631 

- 18 declared -9ETTING: 7-2 Nation Dream, 5-1 Loch Laird, 9-1 Nicides, 13-2 Red Shif 7-1 Dodg, 6-1 Emmajoun, 10-1 Dobermen, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

FORM VERDICT
Plenty of these have solid chances on what they have achieved already, while none of them appears to promee markedly better today. A further complicating factor is that leading contenders Lock Letric, Nicities and Tuecan Dreem are all drawn high. Of the risit, parhaps the most miterating is EMMALICHM, who came within a head of winning at Singhton two starts ago and is selected to go one better in this

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5.00 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH RACE H'CAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 5f 161yds

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A tricky affair with a number of hard-in-em-with types among the leading fancies. Rain would count against the lies of Feinry Prince and Longwick Lad and could leasen the influency of the draw (low numbers twoured on fast ground). Caude Equitine is the one to bed on current form, but TRNGER OSMASTIIN, who is likely to have conditions to aut and is back on a fair mark, could represent better waite. Veteran stablemate Hard To Figure is another to consider.

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# the way Desert Prince ritain Desert Prince puts on his Sunday best

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

DESERT PRINCE showed the benefit of a high-summer sabbatical on a Sunday yesterday when he became the first British horse since All At Sea in 1992 to wrest the Prix du Moulin from France.

The winner's trainer, David Loder, is soon to be based on the continent with Godolphin and the message that his horses must perform on foreign fields has clearly been stamped at his Newmarket yard. Desert Prince, who was third in the Prix d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) in May spurted clear for a decisive Longchamp from the home side's Gold Away.

Aidan O'Brien's Second Empire was third in the heavy ground, while Seeking The Pearl, the Japanese winner of the recent Prix Maurice de

Gheest, faltered into fifth, The winner paid 4.1-1 on the have made many millionaires, and his trainer was not exactly stunned by the victory either. "The plan was to rest him after is a different type, I'd be amazed

then go for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot and the Breeders' Cup Mile before retiring the horse to stud." Loder said. We reckon he has im-

proved 10lb in his work between Royal Ascot and now." Edabiya enhanced her prospects for next season's Classics by winning the Group One Moygiare Stud Stakes over seven furlongs at the Curragh. The John Oxx-trained Rainbow

Quest filly proved an emphatic winner under Johnny Murtagh Chasing the leaders two furlongs out, Edabiya, the 9-4 favourite, responded bravely for Murtagh into a strong three lengths victory at headwind to score by two lengths. We have to be happy with

that performance as she is not really bred to be a Group One winner over this trip at two," said Oxx. "Now we will have a look at either the Fillies' Mile at Ascot at the end of the month or the Prix Marcel Boussac at Paris-Mutuel, which would not Longchamp. She is a half-sister. to Ebadiyla who won the Irish Oaks and the French St Leger for us last year, but although she

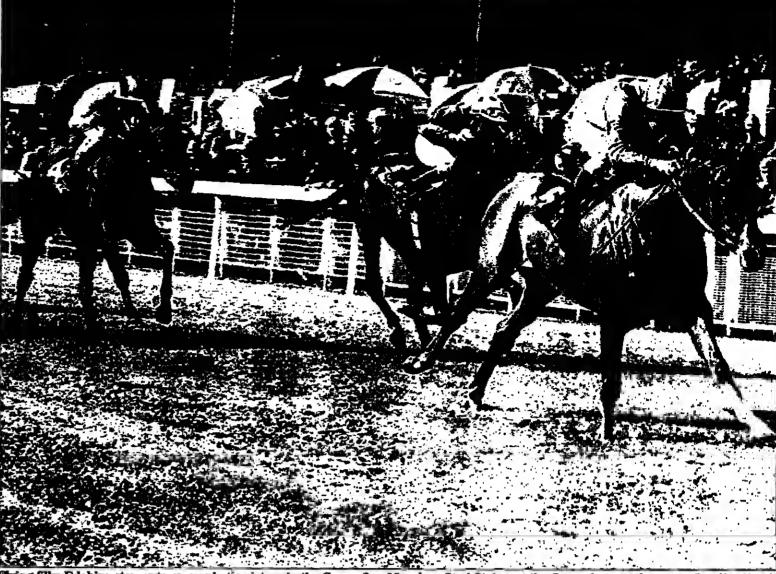
Royal Ascot until this race and if she doesn't stay at least a mile and a half next season.

Bookmakers reaction was mixed Ladbrokes offer 10-1 about her chances for next year's 1,000 Guineas and Oaks, but William Hill go 16-1 from 25-1 for the Oaks and leave her

at 25-1 for the 1,000 Grineas. Tommy Stack's Fear And Greed (12-1) was second, a length in front of the Aidan O'Brien-trained Crystal Downs.

Back in Blighty, the final, and oldest Classic, the St Leger, appears to be at the mercy of one of the newest great powers in world racing if the bookmakers are to be taken into consideration. In the Ladbrokes market on the final Classic the boys in hlue, Godolphin, have Sea Wave, Nedawi and Central Park at the summit of the market, even though the formation of the Arab-wintered team has yet

to be confirmed. Sea Wave is the obvious consideration following his flowing victory in the Great Voltigeur at York, but even the participation of the ante-post favourite is being discussed. Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager, said yesterday. "We



Flying filly. Edabiya storms to an emphatic victory in the Group One Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh yesterday

the week before making any de- races for him." cisions and perhaps even wait until the end of the week.

Town Moor Sadian was sup-"Sea Wave was very impressive at York, hut, like other

There are others to consider before the stalls open on

Sadian ran poorly in the Derby and may now have to wrestle with an Irish colt which finished plemented on Saturday at a cost Epsom. Sunshine Street led

might wait until the middle of horses, there are alternative of £20,000. He is priced at 10-1. for some way in the Blue is a definite runner if the Riband, further than his starting price of 150-1 might suggest. and may now try to confirm that some way ahead of him at bis eventual fourth placing was more than an aberration. "He

ground is good or faster," Novl

#### HAMILTON

3.45 RAPIER (nap) 2.15 Snap Cracker 2,45 La Doyenne 4.15 Celebration Cake

3.15 Stolen Tear (nb) 4.45 Urgent Reply

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Yn. ADMISSION: Cub 12; Grandstand and Paddock 17 (A for CAPs, disabled a students). Accompanied under 16s free all enclosures. CAR PARIC: Free.
■ LEADING TRAINERS: M. Johnston 38: 187 (203%). J Berry 36-2x3 (48%). Miss L Pernatt 23-275 (84%). P Hasters 21-102 (206%). O Haydn Jones 14-68 (206%).
■ LEADING JOCKEYS: J Wester 46-172 (267%). J Fortune 30-149 (203%). J Carroll 29-233 (12-4%). N Kennedy 15-103 (46%). T Williams 14-19 (168%).
■ FAVOURITES: 224-613 (365%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Xsynns (215). Aljae (visored, 315).

2.15 HYNDFORD NURSERY HANDICAF (QUALIFIER) (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £3,453 NAP CRACKER (12) (D). LI M

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7 543022 WIND IN WINNIEG (19) (Rossly Racing) J Wainwright 7 to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ J McAulay (7) 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 declared = \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mininger weight: 7st 10to. True transistory weight: Winnipog 7st 8tb.

BETTING: 3-1 Palace Green, 4-1 Sweet As A Nut, 9-2 Xayrata, 11-2 Wind in Winnipog, 13-2 Snap

FORM GUIDE Singe Creative: Fairly well exposed three-time winner. Below her best lest two starts, but chance on earlier length second to Aeguan Flame at Newbury (5). Goes well on soft Sweet As A Nut: Below her best two outings since beging Northernn Svengeli a strongeli a strongeli a strongeli head in Doncaster 5f nursery in July. Acts on easy surface but open to improve Xaymna: Good length third to Mass Rimes from 4th higher at Kempson (6t) bust month and chance on that but below form at Catterick last time. Blinkered first time. Pulsace Green: Stepped up on previous turf form when 1% length find to Hadeqa in Red-

car 8f nursery lest most in from this mark. Unlikely to be far away

So Willing: Appeared periouslarly suited by soft ground when 2 lengths fourth to Light Fingered at Cartale in June. Not vased on seey surface since and could be surprise packet gared at Carese in June. Not raped on easy surface ance and courd be suprise packet.
Ladycoke: Best form when repeating earlier Museelburgh win lest time, beating Cool Katle
1's langths in St selec Often headshong and not proven on soft.
Wind in Winnipeg: On upgrade and just failed to catch Class Wen in Museelburgh 5f nuisery last larno, from 1b lower. Suited by a stiff track and should be thereabouts.

VERDICT: Soft ground could make this a tougher than normal test, and that will suit WIND BY WINNIPES, who has a vortiable feather weight and appears to find if on the sharp side. She has been showing improved form in her last two starts and gets a narrow vote over So Willing and Snap Cracker, who will appreciate the return to easy

2.45 TEAM KIER APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (Final

round) (CLASS F) £3,000 added 5f Penalty Value £2,528 

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Afancium weight: 7st 1(85 True handicap weight: Leading Princess 7st 8th.

BY TING: 8-1 La Doyanne, 7-1 Superfirits, 8-1 Just 8th. Folst, Sounceterra, 10-1 Sharp Gayle, Bill-Em, Henry The Hawk, 12-1 others

1997: Suedoro 7 7 8 A Poll (5) 20-1 | | Golde) drawn (5) 18 ran

Just Bob: His scored five of his 18 wins here, but below form recently, finishing 7 lengths 10th of 15 Lts Obyenne at Beverley(6) test firms. Often slow starter
Folat: Length winner from Buzz over 8f here in May from 4th lower. Shaped well ariser lay-off when 11th of 15 to Indian Spark at Thisisk (8) but probably needs 6f. Suited by soft Nittly Norman: Handicapped by fast ground since neck second to Arantes over 6f here in April (Inservy). Obvious chance from 12th lower here and well chaver Somoelerat: Catterick 6f maiden winner on soft in May in fair form in Safebury claimer (2

lengths third to Somoslenal and on all westiver lest two starts but best at 60 eld Beauty: Still a muiden. Lightly-raced this term and 23 lengths lest of 16 to Alsters Dancer at Musselburgh (5t) on most recent start. Little obvious chance La Doyenne: Back to her best when making all to best Shett 1½ lengthe at Beverley (5) 68b higher here but form boosied by Hird-placed Makenzab on Sebriday Sharip Geylec Improved form when 1 1/2 lengths third to Sunset Herbour at Cetterick (\$1 good to early lest month but dispositions since and needs something better here

Billy-Em: Dropped 2th since useful 3 tengths lifth to Superville from poor draw over this C/D last month, Acts on easy surface and capable of telding a hand Superville: Well drawn when basing Dubei Nurse strart-head from 7th lower over C/LD last month. Letest 2 langths fourth to Royal Dome at Carlisle (51) suggests she will struggle off

Feire Domino: Awarded a melden here last form. Out of some this compaign apact from 2 langtra little to incheiong at Winder (87) in July and makes little appeal Henry The Hewis Nemow winner over C/D in mud from 3to lower in May Funning algebry below his best lately, though telt shoth of 17 to Superfitte over C/D last mo or Last year's winner from same mark, on good going. Little show this term and beaten 15 lengths when 19th of 17 to Southern Dominion at Museeburgh (51) letest. Pallium: Below form two starts since 2 lengths fourth to Harrby in Ayr 5f seter in July form

3to higher, Capable of taking a hand at his best but opposable these days Another Nightmans: http://www.below.her.best in recent starts, besten 11 lengths when 18th of 18 to Quest Envoy over 6f here test month. Lady Beceion: On upgrade when 3 lengths lifth of 18 to Alsters Denes at Museoburgh (5) lest month but besten 6% lengths when eighth of 24 to Mukameb at Thirsk (5) on Saturday Captelin Caret: Placed off 20th higher at this time lest year. Good 3 lengths fourth to Su-

central center. Trade of a mark that are as any ear put could a singuis out in 5 super-perfuls over C/D last month from band deav and looks likely contender with going to suit Done Pilipa: Running consistently on all-weather recently, Acts on easy surface but looks held by Henry The Hawk on early-season form over C/D from 9to out of heroficep last central but this obstace. The content of the public state of the country of month but little obvious chance on two letest efforts

VERDICT: Something of a lottery, with form pick La Doyenne cirawn a shade too near the middle to be earn the vote. Niffly Norman must enter calculations with the ground to suit and the prime draw, but CAPTAIN CARAT just shades the verdict on in on his best form and will benefit from fairly experienced handling

3.15 E.B.F. PLUMB CENTER MAIDEN STAKES (QUALIFIER) (0) \$5,000 added 2YO 1m 65yds Penalty Value £3,371

8 ALIAE (27) (Andy Dicke) | Sample 8.0

ANNIVERSARY DAY (Ats Arm Bell) W Curningham 8.8

CD DECODED (14) (A 6 Wason) J.J. Eyre 8.0 \_\_\_\_Dean McKnown 5 - 8 declared -

BETTING: 11-18 Stolen Year, 9-4 Peneng Pearl, 7-1 Dencin' Doll, 8-1 Romero, 18-1 Love Diamonde, 20-1 Anniversary Day, 25-1 Aljan, Decoded 1997: Generosity 2 8 8 T Cuim 4-6 for (P Cole) drawn (3) 7 ran

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Affect Could naver go the pace on his debut on softlish ground at Ayr lest month and finished tailed off lest of six. Viscred this time, but looks a fortom hope Anniversary Dayr: Lion Cavern gelding whose dam, Doyce, won at distances up to 2m 3t. However, the stable is not noted for their two-year-old winners Decoded: Missed the breek when unplaced on his first outing at Thirsk (soft) in June and then made no show when hold up at Beverley less month. Love Diamonds: Has yet to best enother horse in two outings and is Mark Johnston's second string. Has not run since July when a 50-1 chance at Ayr Romarc: Slowly swey on his first appearance at Ripon last month, but a little ability in finishing 5th of 17 to Vision Of Night. Step up in trip will suit Dencin' Dolt: Grand Lodge filty and has the advantage of a low draw. Stable have had three two-year-old winners this season Peneng Pearl: Started fevourise for an auction event at Folkestone (7I) last time and

made little headway to finish 5th to Jack Goodman. Needs this trip at least Stolen Tear: Half-sister to several winners and put up a reasonable enough effort when third on her debut at Redott (7), test ground) last month. Ground is a doubt VERDICT: Mark Johnston has found an easy looking opportunity for STOLEN TEAR v Emarto 1: wask Jornston has sound an easy looking opportunity for STOLEN TEAR if sine can cope with the going, which is itsely to prove testing. She kept on well in the finel futiong when that to Choingirt and Kalidase at Redeet, though Chicodon (thin) was besten when odds-on at Wolverhampton next time. Penang Pearl appeared to act on soft ground when 4th on her debut at Warwick in June and could be the one to trouble Stolen Tear. 3.45 WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH TROPHY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m Penalty Value £7,035

FORM GUIDE Replet: Has run well with some cut in the ground and drops back in trip after two runs over tra 2t. Won at York over this distance in June and should figure prominently. Would Venture: Proven on the soft and land every chance 2f out when 5th to Almond. PRIOR TENNERS: "TOWN ON the SOIT and half every chency 2f out when 5th to A Rock at Ripon less Mondey, Quite highly tried on his other butings the season self-tened that the probably need duting on her reappearance at Haydock less month. Ground will be lideal Jacquer: Won 3 times here less season over 6f, but has an 11-week absence to over Has yet to prove he stays this trip and stable trave had a quiet spell. Talkfallid At his best over this restaurce and to a hardy and a place to be the stays. Talkfalld: At his best over this distance and is a hardy sort, who stands plenty of racing. Won over this trip (cott) here in June, though is now running off an Bib higher mark

when unplaced at Lingfield lest month, Looks handcapped up to his best Sturgeon: Lightly raced maldert who has been running over longer trips, but finished 3rd over a mile at Nottingham in Juna. Does not took good enough Future Prospect: Won claimers at Wolverhampton in July and Pontetract in May and may strupple in this more competitive event. Has shown little in handicags this a Moving Princese: Hes yet to run on soft going though finished 4th on go ground at Redox in July. Stit a melden, towave, and will find easier opport Trailbiasser; Worth is fart race aince be west a 2-y-o in a seller at Wolvertas 1f) last month, but drops back in trip after his 4th at Flipon (Im 2f) last week

VERDICT: This is not as competitive as it would first eppear and may chiefly concern those at that top and of the handkap despite the going, RAPTER, who old his handkap prospects no tavours when 3rd in feet year's Britannia Handkap for Richard Hannon. won over this trip at York in June on soft ground. He had plenty to do on his next tw outings over 10f and looks the sort who in better at giving weight awey to interior oppositio

M.C.G. STAFFING SERVICES SELLING STAKES (CLASS 4.15 M.C.G. STAFFING SERVICES Value £2,360 F) £3,000 added 1m 1f Penalty Value £2,360

BETTENG: 4-1 Colebration Calcu, 5-1 Prioficities, 6-1 Birchwood Sun, Wentbridge Lad, 7-1 Culorag-gle, 6-1 Weltz Tizes, Portite Sophie, 12-1 others 1997: No corresponding race

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Bitchwood State Four-time winner in the sort of company the sorm. Out of his depth in recent starts but filely to be a major factor with going to suit.

Catebration Cales: Formatly useful performer. Best race for some time when 4 lengths
fourth of 14 to Saratoga Red over C/D least month. Weighted to go close
Nobbly Stames: Facility force these days. Not degraced when 5 lengths sidth of 16 to Plan
For Profit in York I'm 11 claimer but planty to do at weights on official figures.
Takes Notifices Still a maident. Little encouragement in state 19 langths 14th of 20 to Martancale at Ripon (8).

Waitz Times Wilmer of poortly contested Musselburgh seller (m) in July but looks held by
Celebration Cales at weights on numing over this C/D last month.

Weatterlidge Ladt: Knocking on the door with 1/2 length second to Senatoga Red over C/D
and 8 lengths 18th of 18 to Guessamation in Notinghern in 27 seller. Each-way chance
Weattern Ventrame Wilmer of seller ham lest, Calcober Fair commonded at the sign-off when stoch
to Statutoga Red over C/D but badly in at weights with Celebration Cales now
Portible Sophies. Wilmer of delining as Southwell test seaton. Despoporating this term and
beaten 8 lengths with 18th of 7 to Noticrott Joy over 1n 44 her bast file. Portitle Sophie: Winner of claimer at Southwell lest season. Disappointing this term and beaten 8 lengths when fitth of 7 to Notcold Joy over an 4f here lest time. Culcraggite 'tet to show any sign of ability and tailed off 17th of 18 behind May King Mayhem at Haydook (fin 4f) latest start. Priolette: Maiden, but good chance on 6f/s lengths fourth to Captain's Log in higher grade at Newsester (fin 1f) in June. Down in class and goes well on easy surface. Tiggy Silvano: No sign of ability so faz. First outing since well-bestern night of 10 to Dancing Flo at Beverley (fin 2f)

VERDICT: Celebration Cales is not the torce of old but will take plenty of bearing at these weights on his fourth to Sanatoga Red in in a similar event here last month. He just holds the back-to-form Westbridge Laid on that running. These may be more wate, however, in PRIOLETTE, who should find this an ideal top and is handly weighted on his Newcastle form.

1 0-3021 SPARTAN ROYALE (12) (P Monteith) P Monteith 4 10 8.

Meade, his trainer, said. THE ST LEGER (Dancaster, Saturday): Led-broker, evens Sea Vanc S-1 Noclaw, 8-1 Cav-tral Park, The Glow Worth, 10-1 High And Low, Sadian, Sunshne Street, 14-1 Ta-Lim.

4.45 STONEFIELD HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,612

2 D12221 TEN PAST SIX (12) (C) (D) | S Kennenky and Mics J Half M None 6 8 ft . ... J Carroll 8 V 3 0m06 URGENT REPLY (21) (CD) (BF) (5 Newmarket Partnership) C Dwyer 58 11 D Holland 18 4 000204 DARIGO (26) (Alica Danels & Guy Reed) C Thornton 4 8 10 . Dann McKnown 18 5 5366 PHILAUST (26) (CD) (C O Barber-Lorrax) Mess L Perrom 6.95 .N Kannedy 15 B 8 44CA6 BEAU ROBERTO (9) (C) (J W Amstrong) J Golde 4 9 5 . . . R Fowley (7) 17 8 BH442 LORD ADVOCATE (25) (C) (D) (Mrs J McFadyen Murray) D Noten 10 8 19 ... V Hattiday 1 V 11 DOD-3 DAKBURY (12) (Panther Racing Ltd) Miss L Salital 6 8 12 ..... L Chemiock 11 13 005-01 NORTHERN ACCORD (26) (C) (M R Charlton) Mrs J Ramaden 4 8 ft. ... ... J Fortune 16 15 D00350 KATTE'S CRACKER (12) (J Milet) M Onin 3 8 10 .... F Norton 14 

BETTING: 13-2 Northern Accord, 7-1 Sparten Royale, 8-1 Beau Roberto, Lord Advocate, 10-1 Ten Past Six, Urgent Reply, Durgo, Philindel, Salese Lad, Uniform, 12-1 others

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Spertan Royale: Showed planty of stamma to win a 2m 1f marden handicap on soft ground at Carligle last time. Form tooks modest and has planty to do with 18st. Ten Plast Six: Won over a claimer over this distance at Carlide last time with Claikbury (1lb better off) third, besten a shi nd and a rik. Seems to have a stiffer task here Urgent Reply: Hard to fancy on his disappointing 6th of 7 here last month on similar conditions. However, rattled up a hat-trick before that and worth another chance Dargo: Held by Lord Advocate on their running here tast month. Still a maiden, ran only twice as a 2-y-o and once last season. This looks too difficult for him Philmiet: Finished behind Lord Advocate and Dergo last time, but won a seller here (soft)

last month from Good Hand and Spertan Royale, who is 4th worse off Beau Roberto: Stable in fair form and won for the second time this season here last month. Held by Spartan Royale on form and has a tough task off a 10to higher mark Salson Last: Maiden francicapper, who put up probably his best performance when a close 2nd here on firm ground in July. This does not look his day

Portuguese Lit: Maiden handicapper, who has not run over this trap since finishing less of 20 in the 1996 Derby! Seems certain to extend her loang sequence to 17 Lord Advocate: Yough as they come and has won sa times here. Ground is no worry, fixes to force the pace and has a 15th pull with Urgent Reply on earlier form

Sharic Last two runs have been in sellers, though the booking of promising apprentice Paul Fitzemmons is interesting. Stamina may be suspect on this going Calchury: Has won over hurdles though is a tricky ride. Lightly raced made Flat and ran remarkably well for a 50-1 chance when a close 3rd last time Unitioning Meaden Silly, who was running over 7m 3f for the first time when 3rd at Beverley

test month. Could go close if she acts on the soft, but stable is out of form Horthern Accord: Won a maden handicap here (Im, solt) last time, he tries a tonge trip again. Unplaced over this detence last month, he could be on the upgrade planty of driving along. Stays well and likely to be running on at the limsh

Katie's Cracker: Returned from a 10-week lay-off when unplaced in a 2m all-weather handicap at Lingfield fast month. Going could be against her Cultured King: Maden handcapper, who looked one-paced when 5th to Sperian Rousie

at Carlisie list time. Reopposes on the same terms and not good enough radale: Won over 1m here (soft) in June and wall handicapped with Beau Roberto

litheir: Meiden on the Flat, but has won over hurden. Finghed behind Bea (3rd) when 5th at Newcastle last time and is 15th better oil for 17 lengths

VERDICT: tiroent Reply usually runs well at Hamilton and has an excellent chance if his disappointing run here lest time is ignored. Course specialist Lord Advocage with set a good pace, though may find it hard to make all on this testing ground which could set the race up for NORTHERN ACCORD. He came from off the pace to win over I'm here last month and is bred to stay this longer trip.

### Leger sale odds give the punters value

CONNECTIONS OF the three leading contenders for the same ante-post market for next £200,000 St Leger Yearling year's race from the end of the Stakes at Doncaster on sale through to the start of the Wednesday are likely to he on good terms with themselves and at least three ante-post punters will be feeling the same way, according to bookmakers William Hill

Spokesman David Hood explained: "We produced odds over the winter for this race based on the horses' auction price at last year's sale. Nothing was less than 33-1 and there were plenty of takers - we

laid over 50 horses. However, the 40-1 Flanders, Patriot all look particularly good at the moment. They stand out shorter when we price the race over £30,000 being among the again on Wednesday."

Hills will be offering the turf Flat season in March. "It is aimed primarily at the

vendors, buyers and trainers of the sale consignment, but in RICHARD EDMONDSON

Nap: Snow Partridge (Bath 4.00) NB: Cauda Equina (Bath 5.00)

fact anyone can have a bet" added Hood.

Odds are on a sliding scale 50-1 Monkston Point and 50-1 and a horse bought at last year's sale for less than £5,000 was 100-1, between £5,001 and on their ratings and will be a lot £10,000 66-1, rising to anything favourites at 33-1.

Going: Good

2.00: 1. ALCAZAR (K Fallor) 11-2: 2. Roke-by Bowl 5-1: 3. Perfect Peradigm 9-4 fax. 9 ras. Nt, 6. U Durlop, Arundel, Roth: 6880: 62-30: Deed-hard 1. BERNAMADO (J Raid) 2-1 4. MUSTERTHIETROSTER (J Fortune) 3-1; 3. Crown Of These Science fax. 9 ras. Dd-ht. 4. (P Chapple-Hyam, T Esterby, Menton, Med-ton), Tota: Medicarhiethoster £150, Blenamado £381, Sienamado, Missien-therhoster £321, Nt. Weet For Me. 3.00: 1. CALEDONIAN COLOURS (M. J Kirura) 4-1; 2. Entertainer 4-1; 3. Grand 

1885 1530; 5240 1531 1290 DF 84390 CSF: 5856 Thirdux 1572-20.
4.05: 1. GRANNYS PET (T Cuinn) 9-1; 2. Adjutant 10-1; 3. Veseri 30-1; 4. Always Alight 12-1 15 ran. 11-4 fav Caphain Logen.
4, 1%. (P Cole, Whatcombe). Tota: 5250; C180, C280, C280, C300, C300. DF: 54530. CSF: CHAIL CARRAIT COMMITTER. 2017. Tricest: CUSAST. 4.40: 1. MALADERIE (T Chirri) 7-1; 2. Squire Corrie 9-2 tor, 2. Palacegeta Touch 11-1, 12

Confin 92 ter; 3. Palesageta Touch 11-1, 12 ran. Sh-hd, rk. (M. Camnon, Upper Lambourn). Tota: \$10.50; \$310, \$2.50. \$2.60. UF: \$22.00. CSF: \$3801; Tricait: \$332.38. NR: Jedgot: Not won; \$9,211.44 carried tervierd to temporow. Placapot: 218290, Guadpot: 280,00. Placa d: 218169, Placa 3: 212899.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS Going: Good to Soft

2. Lady Methousia 12-1; 3. hur's investment 4-1. 5 rat., 15, sth-fd. (R. Harmon, East Eve-leigh), Totas; 22:00; 21:30, 21:30, 21:30, DT: 23:80. CSF: 222:03.

CSF: 522.03. 2.25: 1. LITTLE GEM (Dane O'Noti) 9-4 fev; 2. Port Sumber 4-1; 3. Mancala 25-1, 6 feb; 74, 374. (R. Hannon, East Everleigh). Total 52.60; \$1.80, 52.20. DP: 55-40. CSP: \$1084. NP: High Clarity.
2.55: 1. BATCHWORTH BELLE (A Daly) 9-1: 2. Mrs Malaprop 13-2; 3. Sharp Pearl 20-1 11-4 lav Polly Golghity (Sth), 9 ran. Sh-hd, 17. (E Wheeler, Panghourne), Tota: 21120; 2230, 2200, 2330, DF: 63100, GSF: 28072, Tricast:

CUMBBO NY: PORDOTEN TIMES.
SUBS. 1. CHIEF CASHIER (A Day) 7-1; 2.
Edan Heights 11; 2. 2xm 8-1 18 rm. 4-1
flus Sinc Groom 19, 4; 65 Belding, Pyfield,
Rote: ES,70; C250, C250, C350, DY: 54280. Total: 63,70; 6250, 6250, 6380, DF: 542,80, CSF: 57,53, Tricast: 65841.

4,90: 1, CARASSON TEDE (M Hills) 11-4; 2, Punishment 5-1; 3, Formy Hill 8-1, 5 ran. 2-1 fav lvan Luis (Hth). 2/4, 17/4, (J Hills, Lambourn). Total: 62,90; 5150, 62,20, DF: 510,90, CSF: 618-7, NFot: Polar Prince, Rabeh.

4,35: 1, MONTRECRISTO (M Polard) 8-1; 2, Gallapino 6-1; 3, Assarrad Gambino 8-1 11 res., 5-2 lav Indirect) 3, 11/4 (R Guest: Newmanon). Total: 53,20; 52,60; 52,90; 52,90; DF: 53,80; CSF: 52244; Titcast: 53,20; NF: Just in Time. 65248. Titcast: \$37078. NR: Just in Time. 53244. Trast: 537078. NF: Just in Time.
5.10: 1. PMY ON RED (R Cochrans) 9-1: 2.
Transylvenia 5-1 jt lav; 3. Take A Turn 9-1:
15 mm. 5-1 jt lav My Bold Boyo (5th). 1, 2. (P
Cote, Whatcombe). Tota: 51040; 5290. 5280,
5290. DF: 51480 GSF: 56842 Theast 536028.
Place 8: 537351. Place 5: 523378.

THIRSK Going: Good

2.10: 1. MARGARET'S DANCER (K Durley) 7-2.06: 1. MARGARET'S DANCER (K Darloy) 72 for, 2. Finel Claim 8-1; 3. Andits 25-1 18
ran, 4. % [J. Leyn). Tota: \$250; \$150, \$400,
\$1930 DF: \$3230; \$257; \$2388
2.40: 1. MOUTAHDDEE (R Perham) 11-2; 2.
Just Name it Brans for, 3. Familizatio 6-1 6 ran.
2, % (M Tregoring). Tota: \$2740; \$180, \$100,
\$220 DF: \$550, \$257, \$1051, \$17; Parmor HE.
3 ran. 1 70155E 8 (G. Gertah 5-4 to 2. High-

3.70: 1. TRUFFLE (G Corted 5-4 lay: 2. Highly Pencied 9-1; 3, Just For You Jame 4-1, 12 ran, 174, 2 (J. Fernhaue), Tobs: £190; £120, £210; £150; DF: £1080; CSF: £1217 3.45: 1, QUEENS CONBUL (G. Duffield) 15-2; Simination 16-1; 3. Delirious Moreoni. Northern Blessing 12-1, 4-1 lay Pride tile, 18 ran, Nr. 1 (B Rothwell, Total 14-1: 4. Northern Ble

Of Pandle, 18 rap, Nr. 1 (8 Fromery, Tone; 1220; 1230, 8270; 1230; 1250; 07; 17220; CSF. 17230; Tricest 116019; 4.18: 1. HOUSE OF DREAMS (A Culture) 21:12; Cambrone Lady 11-2; 3. Hasta La Visto 8-1; 4. Royal Castle 10-1 17; nar. 3-1 lav Col-8-1; 4. Royal Castle 10-1 17 rats 3-1 law Col-rely Ritz. 2 1/4. (S Moone). Totale 2000; \$230, \$150, \$210, \$230 DF: \$5490 CSF: \$58.80 Tri-cast: \$537.60 NF: Woogla. 4.50: 1. MOCT (D Swency) 33-1; 2. Bahamil-no Pirate 20-1; 3. Madman 2-1 fay. 14 rats. an Pirete 20-1; 3. Madreun 2-1 fav. 14 fan. Hd, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. (J L Byre), Tote: \$18.70; \$3.30, \$780, \$180, DF: \$480,20, \$387, \$502.73.

5.20: 1. MUKARRAB (A Cultume) 3-1 tar; 2. April 2:-1; 3. Collectr 20-1; 4. Harvey's Fature 9-2 24 mm, 1%, % (D Chapman). Total Palage 9-2 24 ran, 19-, 16 (D Christman) trace (430; E40; E50; E50; E10; DF: 92860 CSF: E3018; Thoast: £83605 5.50: 1, ARCHEE BABE (A Cuharre) B-1; 2 Ver-posen TO-1; 3, Mag 16-, 11 ann, 13-8 tay Reden-cies, 3, nt, ji Culmi, Rose 9020; \$3-20, \$4-20, 5300; DF: £9130; CSF: £9027 Physical PSEOU Christoph 55400. Place 6: CH253 Place 5: 6070

Going: Good to Firm 2.15: 1. MARX MISTRESS (J Tezzard) 11-2. 2. 7.00; 1. BANK ON HIM (J Curri) 6-1; 2. Al'a Vallent Desh 4-1; 3. Killing Time 5-2 fax. 18 ran. 1%, 5. (P Evans.). Total \$790; \$2.70, \$1.50,

\$170. DF: \$2850. CSF: \$2561. Thesat \$5234

2.45: 1. CHANGE THE REIGN (T J Murphy)

9-4 lav; 2. Swing Cumrtet 9-2, 3. Politien

Pride 9-2, 8 ran. 21/2, 7. (Mrs A Johnson) Total

2310: £130. £170. £180. DF: £750. CSF: £1271 \$16: 1. TEMPER LAD (R Dunwoody) 11-2-2. Lambrief Lad 20-1; 3. Saxon Victory 20-1 12 ran. 11-8 fev Charlie's Gold (5th), 1% 21 (P Hobbs), Tota: 0810; £170, £350, £220 DF:

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Northampton

THIS WAS the proverbial game of one half. Saracens cruised minute for most of the opening period at Watford yesterday and in so doing disappeared from view long before the Vicarage Road catering staff set about filling the kettle for the gratuitous flattery. interval cuppas. Northampton

dressing down in the dressing

On paper, at least, the visitors had recruited better than most during the vacation. Pat Lam, Federico Mendez, David merrily along at a point a Dantiacq are serious acquisitions in anyone's currency and the feeling in the Midlands was that Ian McGeechan had finally put together a squad capable of something more tangible than

So much for the theory. managed to square the second When push came to shove -40 but might as well not have and Saracens can shove their bothered, for nothing could collective weight and then

summer signings who took to the Premiership stage as to the manner born. Troy Coker, that angel-faced World Cup-winning Wallaby of indeterminate age, produced a blind-side flanker's performance of such combat-And then there were Alain Penaud and Jeremy Thomson, the new Lynagh-Sella double act in midfield. Michael who? Philippe what? These boys can

play too, you know. Penaud, full of dark Gallic menace, introduced himself to

some - it was the cup holders' his latest audience with three searing left-footed touch-finders before charging down Paul Grayson's lackadaisical clearance to claim the opening try on 13 minutes. Seven minutes later he loped dangerously into the Northampton 22 before ive quality that Francois finding Coker with a scoring Pienaar was scarcely missed. pass. It was like picking field mushrooms back home in

> All this occurred while Craig Yandell, the formidably built Saracens lock, was kicking his elongated heels in the sin-bin, a new disciplinary experiment that has all the glittering future

of the Sinclair C5. Yandell had back division, not even for a solo try to complete the been on the field all of four minutes and had done nothing more heinous than pull down Richard Metcalfe at the front of a line-out. Metcalfe being the best part of seven feet tall, it would have been rude not to.

In the event, Saracens could have lost three-quarters of their team to the bin and still scored at will. In Thomson and, especially his South African countryman Gavin Johnson, the Londoners possessed playmaking thoroughbreds of a very high calibre indeed and

there was no one in the Saints'

Dantiacq, who looked to be plying his trade on the same planet. Both Boks would make it on to the scoresheet, Johnson finishing with an impeccable haul of 16 points.

There was nothing impeccable about Northampton, although they came out fighting after the break and played a full and forthright role in a fiery 50th-minute punch-up.

Clive Woodward, the England coach, will have been anything but thrilled by Grayson, Matt Dawson or Tim Rodber, although Dawson slipped away scoring 16 minutes from time. "We played like schoolboys in the first half," admitted McGeechan Presumably he meant pupils from a non-rugby

establishment.

establishment.
Surscens: Tries: Penaud, Coker, Thomson, Johnson: Conversions: Johnson 4; Penaudes: Johnson 2, Northampoos: Bryc Dawson; Conversion: Grayson.
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# for sin RIIS OAVID LLEWELLYN VIS ATTER Fled Wrong

gag referees failed at the first attempt in Bath on Saturday. And so, too, did the initial efforts to fill the sin-bin. The Rugby Football Union's stated desire, via Nick Bunting their National Referee Development Offices to aspire to consistent refereeing and a universality of interpretation of the laws of the game. is a proper one.

But it was not helped by the appointment of an Irish referee. That country's officials have not been involved with the summerlong discussions by RFU referees over the laws and the changes to the remit for consigning players to the sin-bin. It was further hindered by the fact that no one at English headquarters had seen fit to brief Bertie Smith on the closeseason decisions regarding the sin-bin in Allied Dunbar Premiership matches. This resulted in a moment of

farcical proportions when, in the opening minutes of what was a poor quality game. Mr Smith conjured up a yellow card, now defunct having been replaced this season by the white card, to caution the tussling Paul Volley, of Wasps and Bath's Martin Haag.

"It was a hit of a surprise to me," said Volley, an aggressive and talented flanker. "I thought

they had been phased out."
Nigel Melville, Wasps' director of rugby, said: "After we have spent all summer talking about what we are going to do as regards refereeing, an Irish referee is appointed who doesn't know what is going on. It wasn't his fault. There should have been an English ref in charge of this match."

Mr Smith is blameless. And when he spoke later he explained: "I was appointed a week ago last Friday. No one at the RFU said anything to me about. the sin-bin or about yellow cards artistry, Quinnell's hostility, not being used anymore. It was one of my touch judges who told me about the white cards."

That exchange of information took place sometime between the second and 31st high-tech whizz kid from Silicon minute, at which point Mr Valley to detect that here is a Smith produced a white card moment waiting to be seized. and sent Wasps' lively No 8 Joe Worsley into the cooler for what turned out to be eight and a half minutes for alleged illegal use of the knee.

There was a scrappy feel to the game throughout as firstday nerves saw numerous handling errors. Possession was something Bath appeared to want to leave to their opponents, while, as commendable as the Wasps back-row was, there was an absence of cohesion in the backs. Too often, poor decisions left the potent wings. Shane Roiser and Kenny Logan, in acres of

space but without the ball. Both sides have plenty to work on. Andy Robinson, Bath's head coach, was keen to accentuate the positive, citing Jeremy Guscott's two welltaken tries, Mike Catt's flawless goal-kicking performance which netted him 21 points, and the welcome return to action of the England prop Kevin Yates, who last month completed his six-month ban

for biting Simon Fenn's ear. Yates came on in the 59th minute to the higgest cheer of the afternoon and proceeded to beef up the Bath forward operation. But Robinson, ever the perfectionist, said: "Kevin still has a lot of work to do. There is a lot of competition at loosehead prop. He could be playing out of his skin and still not get selected."

Nevertheless Robinson admitted he was pleased with the reception Yates got and the effort he put in. As for the player himself, when he was eventually cornered all he would say was: "I enjoyed it (the crowd's reception) tremendously. Now I'm going to eat."

Rather appropriate after a match with so many teething troubles leaving both sets of coaches plenty to chew on.

Bath: Tries Peters, Guscott 2; Conversions Catt 3; Penalties Catt 5. Waspes: Tries Logan, Leota, Worsley, Penalties Ross 4.

Magns, I Lewisey, S Roiser, M Greenstock (L Scrase, SO), R Henderson, K Logan; G Rees, M Friday (A Gomarsall, S6); O Molloy (A Black, S6), T Leota, W Green, M Weedon (capt), A Reed, E Rollitt, ) Worsley, P Volley.

# **Thames** spawns cyber heroes

Newcastle

WE LIVE in the age of the nickname; the Allied Dunbar Premiership is inhabited not only by Falcons and Tigers, but by Saints and Tykes and Lions. And now we have the Silicon Implants, Richmond kicked off the new campaign as dark horses for the title, but so effortlessly did they snuggle into their cyber-spacious sur-

roundings down in M4 microchip country that it took them rather less than 80 minutes to transform themselves into the first racing certainties of the season. No wonder Ashley Levett, their owner, has invested £20,000 with the nearest

The Implants' performance was, how shall we say, uplifting, just as poor old Newcastle sagged embarrassingly, their protective elastic not so much overstretched as twanged into Rob Andrew, their thirtysomething head cook and bottlewasher, insisted there were rowitwill take a mechanical ex-"no big issues" to confront as cavator to dig him out again. a result of the startlingly onesided events at Reading's Madejski Stadium, hut many more afternoons like this will leave him selling Big Issues

rather than addressing them.



being peddled about John Kingston, the Richmond coach. and Ben Clarke, their No 8 and captain. A "quite disgraceful" capitulation - Kingston's description - against Harlequins last spring prompted a swathe of speculation he had wandered fatally into bum's rush territory, while Clarke was dismissed as an international relic, his oblivion. Outpaced, outma- England future firmly behind noeuvred and outsmarted by him. Since when Kingston has snappier, hungrier opponents, seen his side win seven Prethey were made to look their miership matches on the vears, which now total a very bounce at an average of 40 and, on that score, I think I considerable number indeed. points, while Clarke has planted himself so firmly in Clive Woodward's World Cup back

> "I was fairly flabbergasted to read a few months ago that my job was under threat, hut I'd have worried a whole lot more had I heard it from any one of



COMMENTARY

Newcastle's Rob Andrew has his eye firmly on the ball, but opponents Richmond secured the points on Saturday ance. "I happen to think there were other Premiership coaches more deserving of the stick I received from the press, but perhaps they were too high profile a target. It may be an unfashionable view, but I see my iob as organising this rugby club rather than giving five million interviews to the papers, know what I'm doing." Ouch. Enough. Point taken.

Unlike Newcastle, who last season found themselves embroiled in a balls-out scrap for the silverware at their first athis business with a minimum of things together in five seconds, the people actually employing not if you want it to last. When Not so very long ago, simi- me," said Kingston, delicious we arrived in the Premiership pions were 41-15 adrift with Crompton and had no idea how larly scandalous notions were irony oozing from every utter-last year, I'd never coached at

that level and no-one apart Kingston's decision to remove earned Robbie Hutton a brace audience of Reading is ready. from Ben had played there on a weekly basis. I wanted to build gradually, construct on firm foundations, and had we finished seventh or eighth, I'd have been happy enough. As it was, we finished fifth. I don't call that under-achievement."

undergrowth even so, not least when Richmond put 30 on the Falcons at the old Athletic Ground in March. This time. with very nearly 10,000 curious thronging two sides of Reading tempt, Kingston has gone about FC'a gleaming new abode, they rattled up six tries, one of them hullabaloo. "You don't put these an absolute pearl, and might easily have swanned past the half-century mark. The chameight minutes left and, but for to repel the line-out drives that

Craig Quinnell from a forward confrontation he was dominating almost as comprehensively as his captain, would have

suffered further indignities. If Quinnell had sufficient devil about him to land an au- onian hinterland. He used it exdition for the next Stephen quisitely, scampering on to There were stirrings in the King movie-the Welshman im- Clarke's shoulder for a 29th pressed his new national coach, minute finish, before slipping Graham Henry, by giving Dean away from Andrew, simultane-Ryan an unfamiliar hurry-up in ously pulling in Gary Armthe hard nut stakes - Clarke simply reproduced his magis-Thames Valley customers terial summer tour form, his close-quarter work nothing quite ready mentally last seashort of world class. Richmond's set-pieces were also a cut above the average mustard: Newcastle's pensionable front row took a hiding from Darren

of second-half tries. All that forward dominance

gave Agustin Pichot, Richmond's dashing Argentinian scrum-half, the sort of space usually found only in the Patagstrong and Jonny Wilkinson, to create the try of the match for Allan Bateman, "Agustin wasn't son," said Kingston, defending his distinctly dodgy decision to ignore the Puma's talents for much of the Premiership programme. He is seriously ready

now, that's for sure. Just as the untapped rugby

Ready for more of Pichot's Clarke's heart-on-the-sleeve honesty. These are exciting times for Richmond and, while the season is precisely one weekend old, it does not take a Richmond: Tries Hutton 2, Clarke, Pichot, Bateman, Brown: Conversions Davies 4: Penalty Davies. Newcastles: Tries Nay-lot, Walton, Tulgarnals, Wei; Conversions Andrew 2, Wilkinson; Penalty Wildmon. Michael M. Pini, S. Brown, A. Bateman, M. Deane, O. Chapman; A. Davies (E. Va'a, 73), A. Pichot: O. McFarland, B. Williams, O. Crompton (J. Davies, 66), C. Quinnell (A. Codling, 73, A. Cuttbert, 77), C. Gillics, R. Hutton (L. Cabannes, 64), B. Clarke (capt), A. Vander.

David Ashdown

Newcastle: SLegg: J Naylor, V Tulgamala, R Andrew, T Underwood: J Wilkinson (P Massey, 64), G Armstrong: N Popplewell, R Nesdale, G Graham. G Archer, G Weir, S O'Nell, D Ryan (capt), R Arnold (P Wal-ton, h-t).

# Brooke is facing a Gross task Rebel referee flies in

BY PAUL STEPHENS

Leicester Harlequins

ZINZAN BROOKE might find it instructive to spend some time during the week to go over the events leading to the dismissal of Christian Gross as the manager of Tottenham Hotspur. Gross was brought in to turn the ailing White Hart Lane club around after several disappointing seasons. With big spending to match even bigger expectations, Spurs enlisted Gross, who promised a regime of rigorous discipline and tough training. The players would not accept it, the results never came and Gross was shown the

Brooke's arrival at The

league, Best was fired after a rift with his players, notably Will Carling. Andy Keast took over, hut failed to stop the rot and Quins finished third from bottom. Enter the multi-talented All Black Brooke, who promised to put some steel into the capital's other great underachievers.

It's early days yet, but the size of the task confronting Brooke is considerably wider than the smile on the face of Dean Richards, Leicester's rugby manager, after Harle-quins surrendered with hardly a whisper at Welford Road They were blown away by halftime, by which time Leicester had scored three of their seven tries and established almost complete command up-front.

The steel is clearly going to April had similar overtones. take some time forging. There After a season under Dick Best, was a cast-iron promise of bet-

when they finished third in the ter things from Garrick Mor-huge drive to score Leicester's BY HUGH GODWIN gan. The big Queenslander made Martin Johnson work hard in the dispute for line-out supremacy, and the Quins front-row were troublesome in fits and starts. But that was about it. Brooke resembled little more than a cardboard cutout of himself, while the Harlequins' backs were simply

> Darren Garforth was at the forefront of a whopping drive to set up the first try for Nnamdi Ezulike, while the second came from a pushover and was claimed by Austin Healey, who has reverted to his preferred role at scrum-balf. Even by the end of the opening quarter it was looking ominous for Harlequins, though John Schuster kept them in contact with the first two of his five penalty goals. Instead, Richard Cockerill

> was on the end of another

outclassed.

third; Joel Stransky kicked a penalty from half way, plus two conversions as Brooke's interval lecture presumably centred on the need for focus and co-Those attributes came nat-

urally to Leicester as they ran in four second-half tries, two for Leon Lloyd and one each for Neil Back and Stransky. If Zinzan Brooke is considering a long-term stay in England, it might well be wise to put

tinose plans on hold.
Lefostar: Tries Lloyd 2. Exilike, Stransky, Back, Healey, Coderffi; Conversions Stransky, 4: Peasattles Stransky 2. Hanlesplans: Peasattles Schuster S. Lefostar: T Stimpson: L. Lloyd, 5 Potter (J Overend, 78), P Howard, N Exulike (D Lougheed, 74); J Stransky, A Healey; D Jelley (G Rowmtree, 74), R Coderfil, D Garforth, M Johnson (capt), F van Heerden (N Fletcher, 71), M Corry, N Back, P Gustard (J Aldwindole, 61-71).
Harlequins: D Officer: D O'Leary, 5 Power, P Mensain (V Going, 57), D Luger, J Schuster, H Harries; J Leonard, K Wood, G Halpin, G Morgan, B Davison, Z Brooke (capt), R Jenkins, S Bloby, Reference A Rowden (Berkshire). those plans on hold.

WHEN THE referee leaves for home by private jet you know you have witnessed a rugby match with a difference. Cardiff's wealthy owner, Peter Thomas, and the chief executive, Gareth Davies, took it on themselves to deliver David Price and his touch judge Brian Brock to and from Goldington Road in style. Perhaps in the current climate they feared a masked Vernon Pugh or Glanmor Griffiths ambushing the officials, who have resigned from the Welsh Rugby Union, as they crossed the Severn Bridge. Your whistle or your life!"

The practice of clubs rather than unions appointing referees is trouble in the making. Price had been required to send off a player, although his guess was that the clubs involved would make a ruling based on his report. "We're open to offers from

English referees," be said. Little wonder, with the prospect of around half a dozen Welshmen taking charge of almost 60 of these unofficial matches this season.

The rebels did not create much of a stir in Bedford and the attendance of 1,743 - at least that was the official figure - did little to ease Frank Warren's cash flow problems. Times are hard yet Bedford, runaway champions of Premiership Two last season, postponed their hard-earned return to the top division to accommodate Cardiff. Historically, the two clubs share little more than the Cambridge blue in their jerseys. However,

the disciplinary procedure if he much more about the future than the past. Rob Howley, making his return to action after the hamstring

injury sustained for Wales in

June, was the first of two Cardiff

players to require stitches in an uncompromising contest. Bedford, their squad depleted in fitness and morale, were short of inspiration and their coach, Paul Turner, fretted on the touchline as Cardiff took control with second-half tries by Jon Humphreys, Matthew Win-

tle and Greg Kacala. tle and Greg Kacala.

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A. Dulte, S. Miarray, R. Winbers, J. Forster, R.
Straeuli (capt).
Cardiff: J. Thomas; L. Botham, L. Davies,
M. Wintle, S. Hill; L. Jarvis, R. Howley (capt,
R. Jones, 6-15): A. Lewis, J. Humphreys, S.
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(J. Talc, S1), O. Williams, O. Baugh, G. Kocala.

# Vale's pace unequal to Hayward's match-winning genius

Ebbw Vale Bridgend

BYRON HAYWARD is very Bridgend. much in the running for the Welsh outside-half role this season and he did his chances of beating Neil Jenkins to the job by conjuring up a matchwinning moment of genius

acting home skipper did turned guilty of a bad clearance that had been turned into a try by

However, he was quick to make amends. David his side with a wide-angled, 40-Llewellyn, his half-back partner, led a last-gasp charge to the edge of the Bridgend 22, Richie Collins took over at scrum-half three minutes into injury time. and Hayward called for a deep was a game their side had dom- their debut in the European

to gold. Moments before he something special and the man Bridgend captain, ran in his try snatched victory he had been who marked his Welsh debut as five minutes from time. a replacement full-back with a hat-trick of tries against Zimbabwe in the summer found the perfect solution for

> relief from the home fans as the are well off the pace that will ball dropped over the bar. This confront them when they make

The situation called for towin when Chris Stephens, the Not that there was any great

cause for celebration. Ebbw Vale might have been the most improved side in Wales last season, and they might boast an unprecedented seven interna-You could hear the sighs of tionals in their squad, but they Not that everything the pass when the ball emerged. Insted, yet looked destined not Cup later this month.

Europe, in the secondary Euro- son, might have found thempean Conference tournament, selves on top of the table after they were beaten by 90 points the opening round of matches, by Bégles-Bordeaux. On 19 but they are very much one of September they kick-off their the lower half of the eight chibs Cup campaign at Toulouse. At in the Premier Division. least it will give everyone at the chib a chance to assess the pean Shield competition this qualities of the side more accurately. In Wales, the real testing games are few and far

On their last venture into to stave off relegation last sea- and will need a huge improve-

They will play in the Euroseason and kick-off at home against Agen. They will not find the

Frenchmen as obliging as Bridgend, who just managed Ebbw Vale were in this match

ment to avert disaster. Ebbs Vale: Try Llewellyn: Penalties Hayward 5; Drop goal Hayward. Bridgend: Try Stephens; Penalties Cull 5.

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Williams, J Funnell, L Woodard (D Manley, 52); B Hayward (capt), 0 Llewellyn;
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Mason, 69); C Billen, K Faletau, M
Spiller (G Green, 60); R Collins, M Jones,
Bridgeadt; G Cult; P Roberts, S Winn,
G Jones, D Jones; A Durston, B Roach;
L Manning, G Thomas (A Joy, 63), D
Francis (J White, 51); S Ford, C
Stephens (capt), C Davies, P Thomas,
S Pearce (A Williams, 51).
Referee: G Simmonds (Cardiff).

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# card A battle too show far for tired Rusedski

BY JOHN ROBERTS at Flushing Meadow

HURLING HIS racket to the ankle at London's Queen's Chib court, Greg Rusedski admonished it like Basil Fawity. The manic cameo exemplified Rusedski's frustration, which increased with fatigue, as his campaign at the United States Open foundered in the third round. He will drop out of the world top 10 and also lose the British No 1 ranking to Tim Henman

Henman had a customary dip of form in the middle of his match yesterday, but steadied himself to defeat Michael Kohlmann, 8 24-year-old German qualifier ranked No 159 in the world, 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4, and Bdvance to the fourth round. Henman (24) and Rusedski both marked birthdays yesterday-celebrate would not be the word in Rusedski's case.
Rusedski was unable to outlast to the top [of the British rankthe Dutchman Jan Siemerink ings]," Rusedski said. "He had for changing the match." in five error-strewn sets on a great run at Wimbledon and Saturday night, a marathon he's played well here." too many. Rusedski went the distance three times, playing 15 let his rival rest. "I don't let happen. You have to get over sets in a total of nine hours and anybody relax," he said, them and move on I don't think 10 minutes 15 sets.

He saved two match points against the South African, is No 1. I'm going a little bit erpercentage of first serves. In Wayne Ferreira, one against the Czech Bohdan Ulihrach, and three against Siemerink, who hit an ace on a fourth to

posed to be a holiday.

chance of success at Wimbledon, led indirectly to a parting from his coach, Tony Pickard, and put

The man's ambition, howand a host of British sports per-25th birthday yesterday nursing disappointment. "I just don't like to be mediocre," he said.

Losing in the third round cost Rusedski 550 ATP Tour 14. Henman, No 13 going into the tournament, has already

No 1 or whether Mr Sampras hackwards at the moment, but the end he was just all over me." hopefully I can take a couple of steps forward."

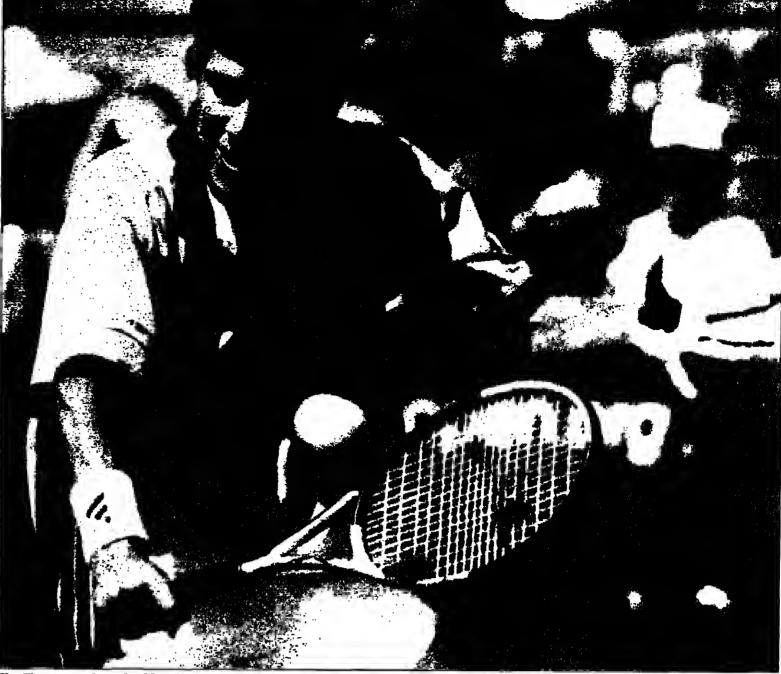
Labor Day weekend is sup- next week "I'm going to have B week off." he said. "I have some Rusedski did surprisingly commitments I made three well considering the turmoil of months ago, so I'm sticking to his summer since turning an those." Rusedski's next appearance will be in the Davis in June. The injury cost him any Cup World Group promotion play-off against India at Nottingham, from 25-27 September.

British supporters trust that him out of action for two months. a refreshed Rusedski will find greater consistency on his first ever, is as strong as his serve. serve and show B marked im-Reaching the US Open final last provement with his groundyear projected him towards 52 strokes. Siemerink showed how weeks among the game's élite vulnerable Rusedski can be against a net-rushing opposonality awards. He spent his nent. The Briton's backhand appeared to have regressed 18 months, and the Dutchman frequently tortured him with shots to the feet.

Don't mention the feet, as computer ranking points. He is expected to fall to No 13 or No contributed to Rusedski's ire. one particular call on B second serve leading to his being broken for 1-2 in the fourth set. "That was impossible," Rusedski told the umpire. Thank you

Having had time to calm down, Rusedski said, "It was a Rusedski does not intend to tough call, but these things "whether they're the British I would have put myself in such difficulties if I'd had a high-

As soon as the match was over, Rusedski tried to lift his His next steps will not be on mood. "It's always disappoint-



Tim Henman makes a backhand return on his way to victory over Germany's Michael Kohlmann in the US Open yesterday

Slam, I haven't had B very good Grand Slam season - Australia third round. French first round. missed Wimbledon basically, and then third round here.

Rusedski has much work to ting a little bit older. Maybe Fil graphs. "Notatall," she replied. 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, to advance to the do with his new coach, the get wiser and figure out a way Dutchman, Sven Groeneveld.

to win these matches." "I wanted to come back here and at least get to the finals. Now

When Monica Seles was on her way to the top, she was asked

er, like Po."

name out of the US Open, dewin, 4-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. The the clay courts at Bournemouth ing when you lose in a Grand Next year I can only get better." I have to find a new goal I'm get if she minded signing auto- feating the 26-year-old American, unforced errors.

"Tjust wish my name was short-quarter finals of the women's singles. Po, who detained Seles for Seles wrote Kimberly Po's an hour and 38 minutes, hit 40 winners. Sadly, she committed 50

#### SPORTING DIGEST

#### ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS

HAAF GOLDEN LEAGUE GRAND PROK

FINAL (Moscow): Men: Hammer: 1

T Gecsek (Hun) 81.21 m; 2 B Kiss (Hun)

79.71; 3 A Abdusaliev (Uzb) 78.30, Shot
patt: 1 J Godina (US) 21.21; 2 V Belonog

(Ur) 20.62; 3 O-S Buder (Ger) 20.53.

Pole wandt: 1 M Tarasov (Rus) 5.95m;

2 J Galfione (Fr) 5.90; 9 D Ecter (Ger)

5.80, High Jempe 7 J Sommayor (Cuba)

2.31 m; 25 Strand (Swe) 2.28; 3 C Austin

(US) 2.28, Wiple Jumps 1 C Friedek (Ger)

17.33m; 2 O Kasputin (Rus) 17.01; 3 A

Giaversid (Belar) 16.98, 100 m; 1 F Fred-17.53m; 2 0 Kasputin (Rus) 17.01; 3 A Glavatsid (Belar) 16.98, 100m; 1 F Fredericks (Nam) 10.11; 2 O Thompson (Bar) 10.11; 3 Y Harden (US), 10.12, 400m; 1 M Richardson (GB) 44.88; 2 J Young (US) 44.96; 3 I Thomas (GB) 44.96, 400m hurdless; 1 S Diagana (Fr) 48.30; 2 D Morgan (Lam) 48.60; 3 S Matere (Zam) 48.73, 1500m; 1 H Ef Guerroui (Moroc) 3:32.03; 2 L Rotich (Ken) 3:33,04; 3 W Tanul (Ken) 3:33,30. Selected: 9 J Mayock (GB) 3:34.60. 3,000m; 1 H Gebresclassie (Eth) 7:50.00; 2 L Roticosei (Ken) 7:50.07; 3 J Gigah (Ken) 7:51.49. Laanding overall standings: 1 El Guerroui 136pts; 2 Gebrselassie 114; 3 Bronson 97.

136pts; 2 Gebrselässie 114; 3 Bronson 97.
Women: Long Jump: 1 M Jones (US) 7.13m; 2 H Drechsler (Ger) 6.99; 3 F May (R) 6.89, Amedia: 1 T Damaste (Ger) 6.840m; 2 T Shikolenio (Rus) 67.84; 3 T Hattestad (Nor) 67.26. Discuss: 1 N Sadova (Rus) 68.50m; 2 F Dietzsch (Ger) 65.24; 3 N Grasu (Rom) 65.10. 100m; 1 M Jones (US) 10.83; 2 5 Pyres (Bah) 11.10; 3 I Miller (US) 11.15. 100m lumdles: 1 M Freeman (Jam) 12.56sec; 2 M Morrison (US) 12.63; 3 G Alozie (Nigeria) 12.72. 400m; 1 F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 50.09; 3 S Richards (Jam) 50.44. 1500m; 1 5 Masterkova (Rus) 4:03.80; 2 K Dulecha (Eth) 4:04.72; 3 C Sacramento (Por) 4:05.82. 3,000m; 1 G Warm (Ethio) 8.40.11; 2 Z Ouaziz (Moroc) 8:40,45; 3 M Partyukhova (Rus) 8:47.77. Leading overalli standlings: 1 Jones 130pts: 2 Masterkova 107; 3 Counkoya 101.

101, SYDNIEY MARKITHON (Sunday): Men: 1 K Takahashi (Japan) 2hr 15min 51sec; 2 K Hanada (Japan) 2:16.42; 3 T Hon-da (Japan) 2:17.22, Women: 1 Y Kor-matsu (Japan) 2:29.09; 2 S Terasaki (Japan) 2:35.55; 3 E Matsubara (Japan) 2:36.25.

AUSTRALIAN RULES AUSTRALIAN POOTBALL LEAGUE qualifying finals: Melbourne 115 Ade-laide 67: Sydney 89 St Kilda 87.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE (Friday): Detroit
2 Geveland 10: Toronto 12 Boston 1:
Chicago White Sox 6 NY Vaniees 11; Tenes
9 Minnesota 3: Anahelm 3 Kansas City
S. Seattle I Baltimore 10: Cakland 2 Tampa
Bay 5. (Saturday): Toronto 4 Boston
3: Seattle 6 Baltimore 5; Chi White Sox
9 NY Yankees 5; Cleveland 5 Detroit 4;
Minnesota 7 Yevas 4; Cakland 3 Tampa
Bay 0; Anahelm 2 Kansas City 1.
MATIONIAL LEAGUE (Friday): Florida
0 Montreal 8; Pitraburgh 2 Chicago Cubs
5; NY Mets 2 Arjanta 1; Milwaukee 2
Philadelphia 6; St Louis 2 Cincinnad 3;
Colorado 11 San Diego 5; Arzona 3 Houston 1; Los Angeles 8 San Francisco 5;
(Saturday): NY Mets 5 Arjanta 4; St
Louis 7 Cincinnad 0; San Diego 4 Colorado 2; Houston 6 Arzona 5 (72 Innings): Los Angeles 6 San Francisco 3;
Montreal 7 Florida 1; Chicago Cubs 8
Pittsburgh 4; Milwaukee 3 Philadelphia
2 (14 Innings).

BASKETBALL Danny Lewis led London Towers' scorers with 15 points as they de-

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

73 The percentage of respondents - 6,128 – in a Teletext poll who believe Murray Walker should carry on commentating when his contract expires at the end of

the F1 season.

feated the Portugese team, Porto, 68-59 to reach the final of the Sainsbe-59 to reach the mai of the sans-bury's international Tournament at Wembley, where they will face Par-tizan Belgrade, SAINSBURY'S INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (Wembley) Semi-finals: London Towers 68 Porto 59; Par-dizan Belgrade 82 Maccabi Tel Ariv 80.

BOWLS GREENALLS WATERLOO (Blackpool) Fifth round: G Tellord (Sale) bt B Davies (St Helens) 21-14; O Hibbert (Ashdon Intellection)

Fifth reseast: G Telford (Sale) bt B Dawles (St Helens) 21-14; 0 Hibbert (Ashdon under Lyne) bt 0 Holt (Rochdale) 21-17; 0 Morrey (Crewe) bt K Wordley (Kelghley) 21-10; R Holmes (Haliand bt D Wooton (Oldham) 21-13; B Thompson (Morecambe) bt P Wilson (Lytham) 21-12; D Tooge (Pilstord) bt E Wildams (Warrington) 21-11; A Buckley (Chadderton) bt M Shaw (Warrington) 21-15; M Winnington (Harfford) bt P Strutt (Diggle) 21-19; (Nicholson (Kendal) bt J Hoddson (Longton) 21-16; A Ward (Poulton) bt K Anderton (Leyland) 21-15; G Fooler (Stretford) bt C Covesiii (Horwich) 21-20; C Armidage (Marrington) bt K Boon (Congleton) 21-10; G Ellis (Willtefield) bt A Shacklady (Ormskirk) 21-16.
BLACKPOOL BOROUSH JUNIORS Finalt S Moorey (Crewe) bt Chris Moticy (Wirral) 21-9.

BOXING PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (Beford): 12-round World Bonday Council super-middlesmalgh: chample-rating R Woodhall (Beford) bt G Cattey (Bristol) pts. 8-round welborweight: P Sanuels (Newbridge) bt 5 McCracken (Birmingham)

CANOEING
FLATWATER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Szeged, Hungary)
Women's kayak 200m (fours): 1 K
Delam, E Visid, R Koban, K Kowacs (riun)
O0:36.889; 2 A Karlson, 5 Gumarsson,
I Ericsson, M Haglund (Swe) O0:37.61;
3 N Gouill, E Tissina, L Peisaldhowitch, T
Tichtchenko (Rus) O0:37.485, Men's canoe 200m: 1 M Doktor (Cz Rep)
O0:41.62c; 2 S Knacovicky (Slovak)
O0:41.714, Men's kargak 200m: 1 M
Kotganov (Isr) O0:36.525; 2 O Silvinsky
(Ukr) O0:36.460; 3 O Filipovic (Yug)
O0:36.568
Women's kargak 200m: 1 C Brunet CANOEING

(Nor) 00:36.460; 30 Filipowic (high op.36.568)
Wilders I wayak 200m: 1 C Brunet (Can) 00:36.568
Wilders I kayak 200m: 1 C Brunet (Can) 00:41.317; 2.J Idem (It) 00:42.68; 3 E Donusz (Hum) 00:42.653. Mea's camee 200m (pains): 1 T Zereske, Christian Gille (Germany) 00:37.881; 2 M Buzal, Atriba Vegi (Hungary) 00:38.881; 3 V Potzounov, Anchrel Kabanov (Russla) 00:38.881, Mem's kayak 200m (pains): 1 V Fehervarl, R Hegedus (Hun) 00:38.266; 2 S Verline, A Tichtchenko (Rus) 00:33.265; 3 G Magyar, R Serban (Rom) 00:33.962. Wilders (Kan) 00:38.770; 2 K Delany, R Koban (Hun) 00:38.790; 3 B Manchon, I Aramburu (So) 00:38.914. Mem's cassee 200m (Fours): 1 P Procharka, T Krisnek, P Fulsa, K Kozisek (Ez Rep) 00:34.593; 2 A Maselkay, A Reneisti, A Bellaev, S Pienrev (Belar) 00:34.629; 3 P Konovalov, K Fornitchev, V Ladocha, A Kostoglod (Rus) 00:34.791. Men's kayak 200m (Fours): 1 G Karirer, V Fehervarl, I Bee, R Hegedus (Hun) 00:31.155; 2 A Rossi, B Bonomi, I Lussignoli, L Negri (It) 00:31.495; 3 A Glersoe, N o Fieldheim, K Holmann, R R Hangli (Nor) 00:31.555.

Mark Waugh made an unbeaten 98 as Australia warmed up for the Commonwealth Games with a nine-wicket win over New Zealand yesterday. Waugh was captaining the side in the absence of his brother, Steve and hit five sizes and five fours during his 63-ball innings. Australia bowled out the mid-strength New Zealand side for 151 in 44 overs, and made 156 for 1 off just 23.3 overs. made 156 for 1 off just 23.3 overs. with Waugh hitting a sk for the win-ning runs. The off-spinner Gavin Robertson was Australia's best bowler, taking 3 for 19.

CYCLING Michele Bartoli outsprinted his fel-low Italians. Germano Pierdomeni-co and Stefano Cecchin, to win the

co and Stefano Cecchin, to win the Tour of Romagna yesterday. Jeroen Billievens of the Netherlands enhanced his prospects of a lucra-tive deal with one of the teams who want him next season by winning the second stage of the Tour of Spain vesterday. His finishing sprint took him clear of a four-man pile-up in the last 50 metres of the 234,6-km section from Cordoba. "This victo-ry should strengthen my asking price

have made me offers for next year,"
Billjievens said afterwards, "I have won two of the longest (stages) in the Tour of Brance, and now the longest in the Tour of Spain."
TOUR OF SPAIN (Cordoba) Second legt 1. J Billjevens (Neth) TVM Ghrs 30mins 24secs; 2. G Lombardi (It) Telelowr, 3. R McChewn (Aus) Rabobanic, 4. J Sworada (Cz Rep) Mapet; 3. H Vogets (Aus) Credit Agricole: 6. E Agglano (It) Vitalico Seguros; 7. S Teutemberg (Ger) US Postat; 8. F Guldf (It) Polit; 9. A Tchmil (Bel) Lotto: 10. M Wust (Ger) Lous; 11. 1 Cerioli (It) Estepona; 12. O Pereaudeau (Fr) Credit Agricole; 13. E Moncassin (Fr) Credit Agricole; 13. E CM Oreri (It) Breschalat; 15. A Edo (Sp) Keine; 6. B Fernandez (Sp) Esislatet; 17.5 Commesso (It) Saeco: 18. M Zberg (Swit) Post Swiss; 19.1 Kristou (Est) Casion; 20. U Ebrebarda (Ven) Euskaltet all same time. Overall standinges; 1. Zberg 10hrs 41 mins 20secs; 2. Lulabert (Fr) CNCE +1sec; 3. G Figueras (It) Mapet +4; 4. Guldt +5: 5. Ebeebarda +9; 6. F Cerezo (Sp) Estepona +10; 7. P Gaumont (Fr) Cofide +11; 8. Agglano +12; 9. Andrei Trimil (Bel) Lotto; 10. Edo; 11. Commesso; 12. N Mattan (Bel) Mapet; 13. L Dierdovers (Bel) Lotto; 14. P Chanteur (Fr) Casino; 13. A Diano (Sp) Banesto: 16. C Peers (Bel) Lotto; 17. J Jimenez (Sp) Banesto; 18. C Casero (Sp) Vitalicio Seguros all same time.

FOOTBALL Iran have named Mansour Pourhel-dari, previously with the Tehran side Estecial, as the new coach of the na-tional ream. He becomes Iran's firth coach in the past year.

Everton women started the defence of their Premier League Dide with a goalless draw with Croydon today. Last year's numers-up and double cup-winners, Arsenal, saw off Brad-ford 3-0, while Doncaster defeated Tranmere 3-1.

CANON EUROPEAN MASTERS
(Crans-sor-Sistre, Switzerthard) Final round socrets (GB and bit unales standed): 263 5 56. P Sjoland (Swe) 65 66 270 (Struver won ofter one play-off hale): 265 D Clarke 64 68 66 67; 258 C Rocca (t) 67 66 67 66; 269 A Ceita (Ger) 70 66 67 66, 6 Brand Int GB 68 66 67; 270 MA Jimenet (Fr) 67 66 70 65, 17 65 67 66; 6 Brand Int GB 68 66 67; 270 MA Jimenet (Fr) 67 66 70 65, R Kartsson (Swe) 69 69 66 66, M Gronberg (Swe) 89 68 64 69; 271 5 Henderson 68 66 68 69; 272 C Montgomerie 70 66 69 67, S Torrance 67 68 70 67, L Westwood 70 68 66 69; 273 D Gillord 73 66 67 67, R Jacquellin (Fr) 70 67 68 69. P Lonard (Aus) 70 66 67 67, L Westwood 70 68 66 69; 273 D Gillord 73 66 67 67 70, 274 5 Grappasonni (ti) 66 71 65 70. C 274 5 Grappasonni (ti) 66 71 65 70. C 274 5 Grappasonni (ti) 66 71 67 70, 274 5 Grappasonni (ti) 66 71 67 70 67 70 68, F Comer (Aus) 70 67 70 68 69 . P Lonard (Aus) 70 66 67 69 70; 275 M Reale (ti) 71 69 70 65, M Lanner (Swe) 70 67 70; 275 M Reale (ti) 71 69 70 67 70 69 71 67 68, R Goosen (SA) 69 70 67 69. S Luna (Sp) 69 67 67 67 72 73 M Hallberg (Swe) 68 71 70 67, R Chapman 72 68 69 67, P Bales 69 67 72 68, M Roc 67 70 67 72; 277 5 Ballesters (Sp) 70 70 70 70 71, J Rivero (Sp) 68 73 68 73 68 7 B m (Den) 69 70 68 72, P Harlsgrud (Nor) 66 71, J Sandelin (Swe) 68 72 66 71, P Senior (Aus) 72 68 68 71 P Haugsrud (Nor) 66 71 70 72, Z Lian-wei (China) 69 70 68 69 73; 278 A Cabrerz (Arg) 71 59 73 68 J R Senior (Aus) 72 68 68 71 P Haugsrud (Nor) 66 71 70 72, Z Lian-wei (China) 69 70 68 67 73; 278 B Dredge 71 67 72 73 R Coles 69 71 70 72, Z Lian-wei (Sp) 70 70 69 73 68 J Rynce 69 70 72, Z Lian-wei (Sp) 70 70 69 73 68 73 72; 228 B Dredge 71 67 72 73 R Coles 69 70 77; 228 69 71 P Fitce 68 70 77 71 72 72 72 73 R R Wessel (SA) 68 77 70 77; 228 68 71 P Fitce 68 70 77 70 77; 238 B Dredge 71 67 72 73 R Coles 69 70 77; 238 B Dredge 71 67 72 73 R Coles 69 70 77; 238 B Dredge 71 67 72 73 R Coles 69 70 77; 238 B Dredge 71 67 72 73 R Coles 69 70 77; 238 B Dredge 71 67 77 73 72; 288 B Grappi (Rud) 71 69 73

71 75 B1.

72; 294 F Howley 71 75 73 75; 293 J Lawson 74 71 72 78; 296 D Partis 69 71 75 81, DONEGAL BRISH OPEN (Balyerfan) Flwal soores (GB or lift unless stated); 214 5 Gustafson (Swe) 68 78 68, I Tinning (Den) 73 73 68 (Gustafson won or list hole of suidon-death ploy-off); 218 A Gottmo (Swe) 70 78 70; 220 A Rogers 73 76 71; 221 J Forbes 78 74 69; 222 L Dawles 77 75 70, M Pistolet-Bosell (Fif 75 76 71, R Carricko (Sp) 71 78 79; 222 M Hageman (Neth) 75 74 74; 224 L Gerve (Den) 75 77 72, J Head 72 79 73, K Larsson (Swe) 76 76 74 A A M Kright (Just 73 76 75, A Larraneta (Sp) 73 75 76; 225 B Pestara (SA) 76 76 73, R Haklarainen (Fin) 76 76 73, S Forster 74 76 75; 226 E Bestler (Ger) 77 28 77; 27 K Taylor 75 78 73; 227 V Michaud (Fr) 76 77 72 V Stensard (Nor) 80 74 73, K Lurn (Aus) 76 78 73, T Poulton 74 76 77; 228 S Mendluur (Fif 77 77 77; 231 E Fields 77 77 77, C Duffy 76 77 77; 231 E Fields 77 77 77, C Duffy 76 77 77; 231 E Fields 77 77 77, C Duffy 76 77 77; 231 E Fields 77 77 77, C Duffy 76 77 77; 231 E Fields 77 77 77, C Duffy 76 77 77; 231 E Fields 77 77 78, L Rober 97 77 76, C Schmitz (Fr) 77 79 76, A Sanchez-Borreblance (Sp) 73 81 78, S Head 76 76 80, G Srewart 75 77 80, 233 S Dalongeville (Fr) 80 78 75, L Marizo (Sp) 81 73, J and Pager (Nech) 79 77 78; 235 M Whight 74 82 76, E Aron-Quehlas (Fr) 88 175, J wan Pager (Nech) 79 77 78 27 8. M Whight 74 82 76, E Aron-Quehlas (Fr) 77 81, L McCool 80 74 82; 237 B Hackett 80 81 75, M Heathon (Swe) 78 80; 238 K Thomas 79 81 78, R Nuggent 77 78 27, M Murray 75 83 80, I Maconi (It) 74 81 83; 240 J Crowe 81 79 80.

MA O T O R C Y C LING

SAIN MARRINO GRAND PRIX (Issola):
300cc: 1 M Doohan (Aus) Honda
46:00.092 (av 160.755 kmh); 2 A Crivlile (So) Honda 46:06.656; 3 M Blaggi
(IC) Honda 46:08.813; 4 A Barros (Bra)
Honda 46:11.336; 5 J M Boyle (Fr) Yamaha
46:28.499; 7 T Okada (Japan) Yamaha
46:28.499; 7 T Okada (Japan) Honda
46:36.968; 9 N Abid (Japan) Suzuki
46:37.49; 10 C Checa (So) Honda
46:36.719; 0 S Gibernau (So) Honda
46:36.796; 2 S N Abid (Japan) Suzuki
46:37.40; 10 C Checa (So) Honda
46:37.769, 250cc: 1 V Rossi (It) Aprilja 43:43.815 (av 155.576 kmh); 2 L
Capirossi (It) Aprilla 43:46.502; 3 S Perrugini (It) Honda 43:50.339; 3 O Jacque
(Fr) Honda 44:15.490; 7 L Boscoscoro (It)
TSR-Honda 44:15.490; 7 L Boscoscoro (It)
TSR-Honda 44:15.707; 10 T Harrada (Japan)
Yamaha 44:17.429; 9 T Sulimura (Japan)
Yamaha 44:19.707; 10 T Harrada (Japan)
Aprilla 44:23.410. 125cc: 1 T Manako
(Japan) Honda 42:05.831 (av 147.558
kmh); 2 M Melandri (It) Honda
42:16.225; 4 K Sakata (Japan) Aprilla
42:31.927; 3 M Rokudome (Japan) Aprilla
42:31.964; 7 R Locatelhi (It) Honda
42:32.377; 3 Y Karoh (Japan) Yamaha
42:33.982; 3 A Vincenc (Fr) Aprilla
42:33.982; 3 A Vincenc (Fr) Aprilla
42:34.96; 7 R Locatelhi (It) Honda
42:33.982; 3 A Vincenc (Fr) Aprilla
42:33.982; 3 A Vincenc (Fr) Aprilla
42:34.7, Champtonship szandhags:
500cc: 1 Blaggi 189ps; 2 Doohan 185;
3 Criville ) 82; 4 Checa 12); 5 Barros 100.
Coustractors: 1 Honda 270; 2 Yamaha
107; 2 Suzuki 92; 2 Sóocc: 1 Harada
180 points: 2 Capiross 168; 3 Rossi 126;
4 Vikawa 110; 5 Aoki 95, Conestractors:
1 Aprilla 263; 2 Honda 170; 3 Yamaha
89. MOTORCYCLING 1 Honda 255; 2 Aprilla 212: 3 Yamaha 89. SONY SUZUKI INTERNATIONAL

SONY SUZURI INTERNATIONAL RACEDAY (STANSTONE): Michael Cycle Mewn British Superbike Championship round 19 (18 leps): 1 J Haydon (Sony Suzuki) 25min 33.2/2sec (ave speed 97.1 amph); 2 N Mackenzle (Cadbirys Boost Variana) 25:35.795; 3 M Rutter (Honda RC45) 25:35.821; 4 J Raynolds (Red Bull Ducati) 25:43.325; 3 S Emmett (Red Bu don 25:35,628; di Mackenzie 25:36,847. Pasteas: laps: Reynolds 1:23,623 (ave. speed 99.05mph) Championship standings: 1 Macken-rie 345pts; 2 Walker 288; 3 S Histop 254. Senyo Burtush 250cc Championship round 12: 1 5 Norval (Honda)

29:09,115 (ave speed 94.61mph); 2 W Coulter (Honda) 29:09,510; 3 J McGulmess (Honda) 29:14,417, Fastest lapt Coulter 126,311 (ave speed 95,97mph), Champlouship standings; 1 Coulter 190pt; 2 Nonal 167; 3 Ransay 144. Sanya British 12-5oc Champlouship round 10 (20 lapol; 1 Plennings (Honda) 30:28,099 (ave speed 90,52mph); 2 1 Lougher (Honda) 30:30,292; 3 A Green (Honda) 30:30,445, Fissous lapt Jennings 1:30,201 (ave speed 91,83mph), Champlonship stastings; 1 C Palmer 135pt; 2 Lougher 132; 3 R Appleyard 115.

R Appleyard 115.
Sanyo British Supersport 600 Champioeship round 10 (20 laps): 1 J Crawford (Suzuki) 29:31.291 (ave speed 93.43mph): 2 5 Plater (Honda) 29:36.493; 3 J Moodle (Honda) 29:36.674. Fasteat lap: Crawford 1:27.422 (ave speed 94.75mph). Championship standings: 1 Plater 167pts; 2 Crawford 147; 3 P Brown 134.

RUGBY LEAGUE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Elimination finals: Melbourne 24 Canberra 10: N Sydney 2 Canterbury 23. Oualifying finals: Newcaste 15 Sydney City 26: Brisbone 10 Parramatra 15. NAAIT RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE (Portsmosth): Combined Services 20 Rugby League Conference 12.

POWING

ROWING CHAMPPONSHIPS: Woman's Eghtwelght scalis (witner through to semi-finals, rest to repicinge) Heat 1: 1 Touran (Car) 7/49,77. Heat 3: 1 Touran (Car) 7/49,77. Heat 3: 1 J Gorisonin (Arg. 7/52,74. Heat 4: 1 M Rajie (Croa) 7/52,74. Heat 4: 1 M Rajie (Croa) 7/52,75. Men's (Ightwelght single scalis (witner through to seasi-finals, rest to repichage): Heat 1: 1 M Varrash (Aus) 7/04,71. Heat 2: 1 H Narrash (Aus) 7/04,91. Heat 2: 1 H Narrash (Aus) 7/04,91. Heat 3: 1 K Nicksen (Den) 7/05,94. Heat 4: 1 S Dassini (It) 7/03,75. Heat 3: 1 M Baenninger (Swit) 6/58,47. Heat 6: 1 J Marriez (US) 6/58,50. Whomen's single scalis (winner to semi-final, rest to repichage). Heat 1: 1 Feotows (Rus) 7/28,78. Heat 2: 1 T Hansen (Den) 7/35,94. Heat 3: 1 K Ruschow (Ger) 7/29,24. Heat 3: 1 K Ruschow (Ger) 7/29,24. Heat 3: 1 K Ruschow (Ger) 7/29,24. Heat 3: 1 Con (Soven) 6:57,03 Heat 4: 1 K Whidele (NZ) 6:54,57. Heat 3: 1 I Con (Soven) 6:57,03 Heat 4: 1 V Choluph (Cr. Rep) 6:53,15 Women's confest pairs (witner to semi-final, rest to repichage) Heat 1: 1 Canual (E Robinson, A Korn) 7:13,38 Heat 2: 1 V Choluph (Cr. Rep) 6:53,15 Women's confest pairs (witner to semi-final, rest to repichage) Heat 1: 1 US (A Marrin, L Miller) 7:15,67 Blen's confest pairs (witner to semi-final, rest to repichage) Heat 1: 1 HS (C Bensley, I-A Holland) 6:32,82; Heat 2: 1 Germany (R Sers, O Mirchoff, 6:37,55 Heat 2: 1 Staly (F Mattil, W Borcesp) 6:38,21 Heat 4: 1 Yugolashia (D Viscki, M Stoi)c 6:35,69 Whomen's double scalis (first three to seasi-finals, rest to repichage) Heat 1: 1 Nether-lands (P Van Dishoeck, E Van Nes) 7:01,41; 2 US (C Strickt, L Koffolz, 7:02,93: 3 Switzerfand (B Wicki, C Lusthi) 7:03,54 Heat 2: 1 Retain (M Batten, G Lindsay) 6:58,37: 2 Romanns (D Ignat, I

Britain's sailors brought home two European championships yesterday – one from Austria, one from Germany. In Traverminde, Cordelia Eglin became the first ever European Women's Match Racing champion. The 30-year-old architect from London won without losing a match as Marie Klok from Denmark was second and Klaartie Zuiderbaan, from Ond and Klaartie Zuiderbaan, from Marie Klok from Denmark was sec-ond and Klaartje Zuiderbaan, from the Netherlands, third. The Olympic single-hander, Shirley Roberston, was fifth. In Austria, the Olympic sil-ver medallist, Ben Ainslie, continued his winning ways in the Laser and remains Britain's best gold medal prospect for the Sydney Olympics. The 22-year-old took the European Laser Championship for the second time in three years. time in three years. Hampshire's lan Budgen won the sixth round of the BT RYA Nation-

sixth round of the BT RYA National Match Racing Championship at Queen Mary Reservoir, Middlesex yesterday. He will be joined in the finals at Falmouth in October by Joe Liewellyn (Hampshire) and Neil McGregor (Scotland).

LASER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Burgenland, Aprt) Final overall results (after nine races): 1 B Ainsile (GB) 16pts; 2 K Sumeson (Swe) 23: 3 A Geritzer (Aut) 36. Selected GB; 20 P Goodson 88: 23 A Caces 96; 24 A Simpson 98.

SOLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Allywausice, US) Final overall results (after nine races): 1 G Shaldwide, 5 Komarov and S Voichkov (Rus) 112pts; 2 S Fichugin, V Korotkov and S Timoldov (Usr)

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS SUPER LEAGUE

Castleford (10) 30, Salford (0) 12. Castleford: Tries Davis 2, Orr 2, M Smith: Goals Orr 3, Davis 2. Salford: Tries Huime, Waring, Goals Blakeley 2. (4.865) Halifax (17) 33. Sbeffield (2) 16. Halifax: Tries Bloem 3, Bouveng 2. Harrison, Powell; Goals Pearson 2; Drop Cinch. Sheffield: Tries Carr. Morganson, Senior: Goals Aston, Wood. (4,628)

What Ingest [18] 36, Huddersfield (2) 8. Warrington: Tries Eager 2, Briers, Farrar, Forster, McCurrie, Pechey, Goals Briers 4. Hudders-field: Try Cheetham: Goals Gould-ing 2, (4,908)

Wilgam (24) 58, Hall (2) 6. Wilgam: Tirles Gilmour 2. Paul 2, Robinson 2, Bell, Councily, Farrell, P. Johnson, Radiinski, Smith; Goale Farrel (5, Palli: Try Seru; Goal Prescott. (7,930) PWDLF APES Wigam .....20 18 0 2 660 19236

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GRAND FINAL SERIES PLAY-OFFS Hall KR (11) 18, Dewsbury (2) 2. Hull KR: Tries Danby, Hill; Goals M Fletcher 4: Drops Charles, Gene. Dewsburg: Goal Eaton. (2,649) Dewsbury play the winner of last night's Featherstone v Swinton game. Hull KR play Wakefield Trinity

Lancashire Lynx (12) 22, Batley (8) 31. Lancashire Lynx: Tries Abram 3, Donno; Goals P Jones 3, Batley: Tries Dyson 2, Simpson 2, Gléadhill: Goals Price 5; Drop Cass. (1,079) Oldham (4) 8, Verk (6) 38. Oldham: Try Jackman: Goals Quinian 2. Verke Tries Austerfield 2, Godfrey 2, A Pre-ston, Ramsden, Strange; Goals Rooth A. Caln (1 40)

Booth 4, Cain, (1,440) Workington (4) 20. Doncaster (8) 12. Workington: Tries Close, Henare, Keenan, Staller; Goals Bran-riwaite 2. Doncaster: Tries Alex Goulbourne, Alfie Goulbourne; Goals Conway 2. (500)

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Olteanu) 7:01,86; 3 Germanny (C Barth, N Steiner) 7:04,29 Heast 3: 1 China (S Guangois, Z Xuyun) 7:04,25; 2 France (G Buniet, 5 Baimary) 7:09,30 3 Comeda (M Maundet, T Luke) 7:09,90 Meer's double scrills (wilesser to semi-final, rest to repichage) Heast 1: 1 Poland (M Kolbowicz, A Korol) 6:29,94; Heast 2: 1 Germanny (S Volleert, A Fiajek 6:28,52 Heast 3: 1 Denmark (B Sartuckon, B Kalszan) 6:28,68; Heast 4: 1 France (V Desiaviere, F Kowal) 6:27,46; Meer's fight-weight eight (wilmer to final, rest to repechage) Heast 1: 7 US 5:43.60 Heat 2: 1 Germany 5:42,78 Meer's con-less fours (wilmer to semi-finals, rest 114; 3 P.Clan, P.L. Fornelli and F.Colanin-no (lt) 132, Selected GB: 14 A Beadsworth, B Parkin and R Sydnebarn 160. 470 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Pal-470 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Pal-ma de Mallorca, Spain) Results af-bar day twiot Men 1 E Braslavets/hor Matolycolo (Ufr) 37 pts; 2 G Philippe/T Carlou (Fr) 39: S P Leskiner/K Heinila (Fin) 41; 4 A Paradeda/A Forseca (Bra) 50; 3 A Kosmátopoulos/K Titgonis (Gr 62; 6 J Molund/M Rahm (Swe) 65; 7 J Pastalides/T Patourpas (Greece) 75: 8 A Marinho/M Nunes (Por) 76; 9 P Fo-erster/B Merrick (US) 78; 10 T Copl/M Heat 2: 1 Germany S.42,78 Mee's con-less fours (winner to sensi-finals, rest to repéchage) Heat 1: 1 Britain (James Cracknell, Suve Redgrave, Tim Foster, Matthew Pinsent 6:04.38 Heat 2: 1 keaty (W Molea, R Di Rossi, L Carbonchi, C Mor-nati) 6:04.03; Heat 3: 1 Ausstralia (G Stewart, B Hanson, B Dochvell, J Stew-art) 6:03.55 Men cound pair (witner through to final, rest to repéchage) Heat 1: 1 leafy (R Glola, G Cascone, G Barattolo) 6:54.68 Heat 2: 1 Ausstralia (N Green, J Romkins, B Hayman) 6:56.82 Wormen's condess Foors (witner through to final, rest to repechage) Heat 1: 1 Neetherlands (C Beek, C Vink, T Appeldora, N Benniko) 6:38,11 Heat 2: 1 Canada (B Alexander, L Bissenthal, K Weston, M McBean) 6:39.16. A Marinhovm Notices (1707 / 76; 97 forester/8 Merrick (15) 78; 10 T Copl/M Margon (Sloven) 79 Miomens 1 N via Dufresne/5 Azon (Sp) 18; 2 R Taran/E Paldociule (Urd) 27; 3 N Birtner/W Buelle (Ger) 28; 4 S Bekatorou/E Bootlfa (Gr) 38; 3 F Sesto/Prefenoso (Arg) 40; 6 S Kedmil/A Fabrikant (Isr) 55; 7 S Ward/M Ward (Den) 58; 8 A Basakilan/D Oborotou (Rus) 60; 9 S Trubel/C Grosser (Ger) 62; 10 T Hayley/L van Voorhig (US) 64. BT RYA MATIONAL MATCH RACIMG CHAMPIONSHIPS (Queen Mary's Res, London) round sbt final overall results: (after 2 days); 1 | Budgen (Hampshire); 2 J Lewellyn (Hampshire); 3 N McGregor (Scotland); 4 ) Fox (Surrey); 3 G Sutherland (Isle of Wight); 6 A Davey (Berkshire).

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US OPEN (Plushing Meadows, New York) Mea's stagles: Third round: M Rios (Ch) b: G Galimbert (II; 6-2 6-7 6-2 6-2; T Johansson (Swe) b: H Dreekman (Ger) 2-6 7-5 6-2 6-3; P RAFTER (Aus) b: O Natrikin (SA) 6-1 6-1; G IVANI-SEVIC (Croat) b: P Hearhuis (Ho)) 7-6 6-3 6-4; BLORROMAN (Swe) b: F Santoro (Fr) 6-3 6-1 6-2; A AGASSI (US) b: O Sanguierti III; 6-2 6-3 6-0; M Safin (Rus) b: T Musster (Aut) 6-4 6-4 1-6 6-3; K KUCERA (Skovak) b: A Voinea (Rom) 7-5 6-3 6-2; J Siemerink (Neth) b: G RUSED-SKI (GB) 8-6 6-4 S-7 6-2 6-4; P SAMPRAS (US) b: M Tilstron (Swe) 6-2 6-3 6-1; Momen's singles: Third round: J Novotna (Cz Repi b: S Festud (Fr) 6-2 6-3; M Seles (US) b: A Miller (US) 6-3 6-3; N Dectry (Fr) b: G leon Gartis (Sp) 6-4 6-4; P Schryder (Swi) b: M J Fernandez (US) 6-1 7-5; S Graf (Ger) b: M Luck (Croa) 6-1 6-1; K Po (US) b: (14) D Van Roost (Be) 6-4 6-2; M Hings (Swit) b: A Mauresmo (Fr) 4-6 6-2 6-2; I Spriele (Rom) b: S Williams (US) 6-3 0-6 7-5; A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) b: S Pittowski (Fr) 6-2 6-3; N TAUZIXT (Fr) b: H Nagyova (Slovak) 6-1 6-1; V

WILLIAMS (US) or L. Neiland (Lat) 5-0 rtd; A COETZER (SA) bt B Schett (Aut) 3-6 6-0 6-3; L. DAVENPORT (US) bt V Ruano Pascual (Sp) 6-2 6-1; M Pierce (Fr) bt L Golarsa (it) 6-1 6-0; A KOURNIKO-VA (Rus) bt S Farina (it) 6-4 6-1, M PIERCE (Fr) bt L Golarsa (it) 6-1 6-0, C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt L Raymond (US) 6-3 3-6 6-2, Powrth rottnet; M SELES (US) bt K Po (US) 6-2 4-6 6-3, Men's doubles: Sacond round; L Bale (SA) and O Sapsford (GB) bt J Novak and D Rixl (Cz Rep) 6-4 6-3; M Bhupathi and L Paes (Indla) bt K Brasach (Ger) and M Ondruska (SA) 6-2 6-4; D Adams (SA)

D R&I (Cz Rep) 6-4 6-3; M Bhuspathi and L Paes (Iridia) bt K Brassch (Ger) and M Ondrusks (SA) 6-2 6-4; D Adams (SA) and O Delaitre (Ger) bt 0 Bowen (US) and T Ozdrazia (Cx Rep) 6-3 6-2; L Lobo (Arg) and J Sanchez (Sp) bt T Carbonell and F Roig (Sp) 6-4 6-4; S Stolke (Aus) and C Suk (Cz Rep) bt T Carbonell and F Roig (Sp) 6-4 6-4; S Stolke (Aus) and J Waite (US) 7-5 6-4; T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt D Bluchi and M Sell (US) 6-3 7-5; N Broad (G8) and P Norwal (SA) bt M Kohlmann (Ger) and M Ruah (Ven) 7-6 6-6. B Douge and D Randall (US) bt D Macpherson (Aus) and O Wheaton (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) and O Wheaton (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) and O Wheaton (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt E Jeyascelan and R Simpson (Can) 6-3 6-4; C Dhenin and E Loit (Fr) bt N Kijimuta and N Mlyagi (Japan) 4-6 6-4 6-3; L Davenport (US) and N Pratt (Aus) 6-3 bt E de Lone (US) and N Pratt (Aus) 6-3 bt R Dragomir (Rom) and Majoli (Croal bt K Adams (US) and M Boltegraf (Hol) 6-3 1-6 6-1; M de Swardt (SA) and D Graham (US) and T Emasugara (Thai) 7-6 6-0. H Saculi (Indo) and C Vis (Hol) 4-6 7-5 6-4. J Haard-Decugs (Fr) and R McOultan (Aus) bt F Labat (Arg) and O Van Roost (Bel) 7-5 4-6 7-5; M Jernander (US) and N Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt C Barckay and K-A Guse (Kas) 6-3 6-1. Third Rousad: V Ruano-Pascual (5p) and P Suarez (Arg) bt K Kschwendt (Aut) and A-G Sidot (Fr)

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GIROGRAMK TOUR (Edinburgh) Final; men: B Mathias (Aus) bt G Darlington (GB) 6-4 7-6. Williams: J Ward (GB) bt L Ahl (GB) 6-2 6-2.

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# Lancashire take a trophy stroll

By DEREK PRINGLE at Lord's

Lancashire 109-1 Lancashire win by 9 wkts

LANCASHIRE continued their long and happy dalliance with 60-over cricket by beating Derbyshire in yesterday's NatWest final here. With part one of they can now go home to Old today against Hampshire in the AXA League will secure them their second trophy of the

and, with just 109 runs to chase, one of their easiest. When the winning run came on the stroke of one o'clock, only 30.2 overs had been bowled, the fewest ever taken to win a September final. Small consolation for paying spectators perhaps, but a satisfying one for the Lancashire captain, Wasim Akram, now in his last season with the club he joined 10 years ago as a 21year-old.

Apparently, Wasim, now at the end of a six-year contract has known all along that this was likely to be his last season. With the World Cup certain to affect most overseas players next summer, Lancashire have been looking for a player - allegedly an off-spinner - not involved in the contest, to take his

However, now that the hot tip appears to be Muttiah Muralitharan, a man whose involvement with the holders Sri Lanka is written in stone, Wasim is claiming that Lancashire have moved the goalposts. If, as looks likely, they are going to sign someone involved in next year's one-day extravaganza, then why not him. Lancashire are keeping mum, which suggests moves to sign an alternative are already to far advanced to pull

Before taking his two wickets, Wasim's most significant contribution to Lancashire's cause was to win the toss. Long regarded as the showpiece of the one-day competitions, the early start has more often than not rendered the NatWest a non-contest, the side losing the toss almost ting first in seamer-friendly

proved no different, though with Derbyshire's slender resources a factor, part toss part dross would perhaps be a betthat lead to such a rout.

In fact, Derbyshire batsmen counts and the 4.30pm start on the first day after the pitch had spent many hours sweating under the hover cover, followed by the 10.30 start yesterday, ef- well done".



Ian Austin, who took 3 for 14, is mobbed by his Lancashire team-mates after bowling Derbyshire's Robin Weston for a duck at Lord's

fectively consigned them to two testing periods against the

With Lancashire's seam and swing kings eventually settling after a jittery start, it was to prove a hurdle too large, particularly for a side barely half filled with cricketers of substance. Resuming from their overnight position of 92 exclusively consigned to bat- for 7, Derbyshire lasted another 27 balls, a late flurry of fours from Vince Clarke the Unsurprisingly, this match sole act of defiance as they vere dismissed for 108.

peacocks to strut their stuff. Lord's was treated to the unter assessment of the factors obtrusive skills of the largely unsung Ian Austin. Peter Martin, who finished with 4 for 19, were unfortunate on two may have bowled more unplayable balls, but it is Austin'a unflappable way of doing the basics well which conjures up the term "a professional job

Indeed, Austin, whose 3 for 14 won him the man of the match award, should really come stamped with the BSI kitemark. When Lancashire's supporters began singing "There are only two lan Austins," they could have just as easily have been celebrating his consistency, as his substantial hulk.

A solid performer with a character to match, it was Austin's accuracy that broke the dangerous early stand be-Kim Barnett and So often the stage for the Michael Slater after the pair three remaining wickets. threatened to overturn Lancashire's advantage of winning the toss.

Slater hegan brightly for a of previous 30 hours in the air - he was returning from Australia's training camp for the Commonwealth Games - until he played around one that and second slip. nipped back down the Lord's

slope. Having struck Glenn his revenge, clean bowling Chapple for six over extra cover, his wicket was a crucial one and it effectively stopped Derbyshire in their tracks. They collapsed from 70 for 0 to 92 for 7 in the 125 minutes of play available.

Requiring something of a minor miracle with the bat from their captain, Dominic Cork, when they resumed yesterday. Derbyshire instead fell to earth. Instead of Martin and Austin wreaking mayhem, it was Wasim and andy runton who took the

Defending a target as modest as 108 is virtually impossible without the catalysing effect of early wickets. Derbyshire man who had just spent most should have had one, too, and they have only themselves to blame after Michael Atherton's edged dab off Cork flew at catchable height hetween first

But if Cork eventually had stopped pretending.

Atherton with a beauty from the Pavilion End for 10, the mexperience of bowlers like Kevin Dean kept the pressure from building on Lancashire,

Dean, a left-arm swing bowler, fed John Crawley's legside strengths, while giving the left-handed Neil Fairbrother plenty of width to swing his bat. Still one of the best one-day batsmen in England, Fairbrother is still not averse to acexecuted arrives clanged into the cover fence.

In a match in which the ball had almost total dominion over the bat, the 38 runs Dean conceded from five overs was a luxury too many and by the time Matthew Cassar came on to hasten the conclusion as well as cakewalk Crawley to his fifty the game was up. By then though, the pretenders had long

# Secret lies in the

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BY HENRY BLOFELD

IT WAS an extraordinary afternoon. Lancashire had won an important toss, but were amazed to find Derbyshire had 50 runs on the board without loss after 13 overs bowled under a clear sky. Then, the clouds blew in, the bail began to swing, and soon Lancashire took seven wickets for 11 runs in 55 balls

The bowlers first had the encouragement of Michael Slater being leg before playing across the line, and then a rather lazy stroke by Kim Barnett, turning 70 for 0 into 70 for 2.

lan Austin and Peter Martin each had the confidence of a wicket and now, as the sun disappeared, Martin began to wobble the ball alarmingly. The cloud induced vital swing as the young and inexperienced, but talented. Derbyshire middle order let the pressure get to

They forgot it was a 60-over match, which allows the batsman to play normal cricket for longer than usual in the one-day game. They now were consumed with the urge to get a move on, deceived, perhaps, by the apparent ease of Slater and Barnett's start and not helped by the wretched clouds.

A satisfactorily definitive answer to the age-old and naggin question, why does the ball swing, has never been found. Over the years it has been addressed by learned professors, humble seam bowlers, armchair wafflers and just about everyone in-between. The answer is probably a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

Clouds are one ingredient humidity is another, the different properties of each new ball - out of a box of six, three may swing and three may not – and the peculiar ability of some bowlers to see them labelled as natural swingers.

All these factors play a part, and I am talking about orthodox swing, nor reverse swing, which relies on weighting one side of an old ball with sweat so it is tugged by the atmosphere.

The ball swung on Saturday. were higher, it went straight on, and Kevin Dean, Derbyshire's left arm seamer, who has swung it all over the place this summer, could not move it an inch and panicked. Ask Gloucestershire's Mike Smith. what makes it swing and he will tell you without hesitation that the toss.

### Dakin strikes with hat-trick

JON DAKIN claimed a hat-trick of 3 for 10. Earlier, hoth Dakin and James Ormond an Axa and Ormond had contributed to League-best 4 for 12 as Leicestershire routed Middlesex for 62 at Grace Road - the lowest ing two sixes off Tufnell. Orscore in the Sunday League this It gave the home side a 160-

run victory which virtually guarantees their place in the First Division of the new national league next season. Leicestershire, having been

put in, totalled 222 for 8 with Vince Wells top scoring with 77 off 99 balls and Phil Simmons hitting an unbeaten 40. Then Ormond and Dakin, who are first and second in the Axa League bowling averages, took over. The Middlesex slump began

with the first ball when Keith Brown was run out with a direct hit on the stumps from Wells. Then Ormond, in an unbroken eight-over spell, wrecked the top order, taking his four wickets including that of the England selector Mike Gatting. who had his middle stump uprooted. The Ormond burst left Mid-

dlesex on 40 for 6 and the allrounder Dakin completed the three wickets with the second, third and fourth balls of his

He had Jamie Hewitt caught at gully by Chris Lewis, trapped Angus Fraser ibw and then knocked back Phil Tufnell's off

the Leicestershire batting effort with Dakin scoring 29, includmond made 11 not out, smashing the last ball of the innings for a straight six which shattered one of the windows in the pavilion dining-room. James Kirtley returned a

competition-best 4 for 21 as Sussex gained their first Sunday League win over Yorkshire for nine years. The home side sped to their sixth victory of the season with 16 overs in hand after bowling Yorkshire out for just 89 in 38 overs at The all-rounder Robin Mar-

tin-Jenkins, who helped restrict the visitors with 2 for 12 in eight overs, followed up by hitting 44 as Sussex made light work of their target for a sixwicket success. He shared an opening stand of 63 with Raiesh Rao, who was run out for 21.

Their captain Chris Adams fell to a second-ball duck, caught at mid-on off Michael Vaughan, before Martin-Jenkins was trapped leg before by demolition job by taking the last Matthew Hoggard after hitting six fours from 49 balls.

Hoggard, playing only his second Axa League game, claimed his second wicket by having Mark Newell lbw. But James Carpenter and Keith Newell then steered Sussex stump for the first hat-trick of home with an unbroken fifthhis career finishing with figures wicket stand of 21.

**AXA** League Durham v Glamorgan

..78 0 2 106 139 M P Maynard c Sub b Philips ..... A Dale c Chapman b Phillips P A Cottey run out..... A W Evans c Sub b Wo W L Law c Morris b Collingwood... ras (1616 w6 n66).

Dtd noc bat: 0 A Coster, O T Parkin.

Bowling: J Wood 8-0-29-1, N Killeen 4-0-22-0, P 0 Colling-wood 8-0-40-2, S J Harmison 6-0-45-0, S Chapman 6-0-35-0. \*O C Boon b Parkin..

tM P Speight c Davies b Cosker ..........28 1 2 42 N C Phillips c Law b Davies ...... Total (for 8, 40 overs)

Did nor bat: 5 J Harmison. Bowling: O T Parkin 8-0-25-3, A P Davies 8-1-46-2. O A Cosker 8-0-53-1, A Dale 8-0-32-0, M P Maynard 4-0-20-0, P A Cottey Umpires: H O Bird and V A Holder.

Essex v Nottinghamshire CHELMSPORD: Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Essex by 51

> P R Polland c Cowan b Such ..... C M Tolley Ibw b Cowan .... P J Franks run out...... Did Not Bat: K P Evans, R T Bates, A R Oram.

Bowling: M C Rott 8-0-32-1. A P Cowan 8-0-44-1. P M Such 8-2-18-1. R C Irani 8-0-47-0, A P Grayson 8-0-41-1.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARD \*P J Prichard c & b Franks . 5 G Law c Pollard b Evans... 5 O Peters c Pollard b Franks R C frant flow 6 Oram ..... O D J Robinson b Yollev\_ 18 J Hyam c Gattian b Dowman ..... A P Cowan not out ...... P M Such not out...

Total (for 8, 40 owers) Umpires: J C Baiderstone and 8 Dudleston. Leicestershire v Middlesex

J M Dakin c Hewitt b Tufnell .... tP A Nixon c Gatzing b Dutch A Habib c & b Turnell ..... •P V Simmons not out .

Total (for 8, 40 overs) \_\_\_\_\_222 Fall: 1-69, 2-80, 3-115, 4-122, 5-151, 6-168, 7-196, 8-210. Did not but: M T Brimson.

Bouling: A R C Fraser 8-0-43-0. J P Hewitt 8-1-36-0. P C R Tufnell 8-0-39-2, K P Dutch 5-0-26-1, R L Johnson 8-0-45-4. P N Weekes 3-0-20-1.

O A Shah c Smlth b Lewis ..... M W Gatting b Ormond..... K P Dutch not out..... J P Hewitt c Lewis b Dakin ......7 0 1 20 A R C Fraser Ibw b Dakin ...... P C R Tufnell b Dakin ...... Total (for 10, 22.4 overs) \_\_\_\_\_62 Fail: 1-0, 2-12, 3-21, 4-33, 5-37, 6-40, 7-41, 8-62, 9-62. Williamson 6-2-17-1. J M Dakin 3.4-1-10-3.

Umptres: R Palmer and N T Plews.

Somerset v Worcestershire

"Wasim Akram, 10 Austin, 1W K Hegg, G Yates, G Chappie, P J Martin.

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THE EXPERINGE

Tottenham in turmoil: Coach departs with head held high as chairman blames media for sacking

# Secre Gross: lies Gross: the Twas not a failure'

BY ANDREW WARSHAW



was short, dignified and gave away few secrets. He had done his best, he said, and still believed in his

methods. After 10 months in charge of Tottenham Hotspur, Christian Gross gave the media a final 10 minutes of his time yesterday.

Then, after a farewell press conference, he shook hands with his now former chairman, Alan Sugar, and drove his green Mercedes out of the Spurs training ground for the last time.

Gross tried his best to hide the pain, if indeed he was feeling any. He insisted, as he had done many times before, that he was no quitter.

"I had to go," he said. Why, he was asked. "Different reasons," came the cryptic reply. "I am a man who is not going to answer exactly that question."

He also refused to admit that he had been a failure after being sacked for the first time in his managerial career, with eight months of his contract still

"I am disappointed, but I do not think this experience was a failure," Gross said. "I came here in November in a very difficult and serious situation. We Grasshopper Zurich to within were not relegated. That was a a whisker of qualifying for the big success. I think three Champions League quarter figames of this season was not · nals after back-to-back titles long enough to judge me. I had with the Swiss club. For the mobeen looking forward to the ment, he said he will be spendhome games against Blackburn and Middlesbrough.

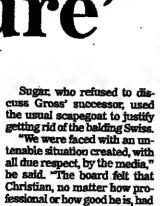
"This is the first time results have not gone well for me but I have to deal with this in a positive way and I will do so."

Whether you feel sympathy with Gross or believe, as most Spurs fans do, that he had it coming, few Premiership managers have had such a baptism of fire. Indeed, Gross had been showing signs of late that he was getting to grips with one of the toughest coaching jobs in the country.

He admitted, however, that it had been frustrating being unable to strengthen the squad with big-name players, mentioning Patrick Kluivert as a case in point. But the squad he inherited, he said, was just get-

ting used to his measures. "I bought in a new way of doing things and the players are used to it now. It has become a question of habit." Sadly no

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Sugar, clad in jeans and denim shirt in contrast to Gross' usual conservative shirt and tie, indicated the decision to sack his manager was taken in principal before Tottenham's 1-0 win over Everton. Sugar repeated a number of times that it was no knee-jerk reaction.

been destroyed."

"From the outside world it will look as if Christian was only given three games, but I di-gested the situation and would not be rushed into anything." said Sugar. "I have been frank with Christian throughout. The point is, the butt stops with me. I was the one who ultimately made the decision to bring Christian to England and ultimately I am the one that has decided what I consider to be in the interest of both parties. You have to make a rational decision for both people's good, not just for Tottenham but also for his

good and the buck stops here." Gross is likely to have no shortage of offers from the continent where, paradoxically, he is highly regarded after taking ing a few more weeks in

England "watching football". "At the end of the day, the club is the most important thing," Gross said. "I feel I have left the team in the best mood. I can. Otherwise we would not have got that excellent result against Everton."

He declined to give details of alleged communication breakdowns with players. "I am used .. to working hard and sometimes there were discussions. The main target was always to improve. I was fair to everyone. Direct but fair."

Gross left with the same words he had used at countless post-match press conferences. "I have my way I am convinced it is the right way." Clearly neither Sugar nor the

majority of Spurs fans agree. Only time will tell whether Gross would eventually have proved an inspired choice or whether he was after all, hopelessly out of his depth.



Alan Sugar (left), the Tottenham chairman, and Christian Gross, his departing head coach, face the press yesterday

# The wrong man for the job

BY STEVE TONGUE

AS GLENN HODDLE reminded us last week, modern football is a results business. It was equally unfortunate that Christian Gross, in his first interview after agreeing to join Tottenham from the Swiss champions Grasshopper, should offer the same hostage to fortune by sug-gesting: "The only way I can prove who I am is with results."

His new employers might have warned him at that stage that Tottenham followers. raised, according to their generation, on the glory game of Blanchflower and White, Hoddle himself and Ardiles, Gascoigne and Waddle, tended to demand something more. But chairman Alan Sugar's grasp of the chib's traditions has often appeared to

be on the hazy side of vague. Having fallen out with Terry Venables, the last Spurs manager to win anything, then tired of Ossie Ardiles' idealism and Gerry Francis' reign - neither tasty fish nor functional fowl -Sugar became convinced that the best way of keeping up with the neighbours at the other end of Seven Sisters Road was by copying them. A foreign manager - Ardiles, more one of the family, hardly counted - was

> and feelers were put out. Quite who did the feeling and how far and wide they probed has never been admit-ted though the name of Jurgen

perceived to be the panacea

Klinsmann's agent, Andy Gross, is a recurrent one. However deep, or otherwise, the football knowledge on the board of Tottenham Hotspur pic, the revelation that Gross's namesake Christian was the chosen one must in any case have caused an eyebrow or two to be raised.

views and attitude that Gross projected at interview appealed to Sugar. The two words that summed up his beliefs were those that he uttered most frequently throughout his initial news conference less than ten months ago, flanked by pictures of former White Hart tenham" must have had Lane heroes in the Bill Nicholson Suite. "Teamwork! Discipline!" he barked at regular through," he told the same alarming manner and in an need for discipline. From that accent unfortunately reminiscent of actors hamming it up in what we need." bad war films.

1997: November: Appointed

Tottenham manager following the

resignation of Gerry Francis.

Suffers unhappy start to his

spell in charge at White Hart Lane

as side struggle to move away from relegation fight.

December: Responds to a 6-1

defeat at home to Cheisea by

bringing Jürgen Kilnsmann back to White Hart Lane. The German's

contract stipulates that he can-

1998: February: Spurs knocked summer signing.

not be thropped.

was music to the ears of the chairman, who it is easy to imagine squirming every time he signs a cheque to or for an overpaid and overpriced superstar. It was Sugar, after all, who confessed publicly that he was baving to pay far too much to secure Les Ferdinand from It is easy to see why the . Newcastle United.

The media, whom he now blames, perversely, for the Gross demise, played up exactly the image that the club wanted to put across. "I will sort out Spurs softies" was a typical tabloid headline, while "Gross ready to crack the whip at Tot-Sugar's firm approval "Christian's credentials shone intervals that day, in rather conference. "There is a great you will get your spirit, that's

The new man, having stud-Whatever the accent, this ied videos of every Tottenham

out of the FA Cup by Barnsley

March: Public dispute with Klins-

mann. "I have totally dofferent

views about the way we should

May: Secures Premiership safe-

ty with 6-2 victory at Wimbledon

In the penultimate match of the

in the third round

play," says the German.

match thus far that season, had concluded that the players were not fit enough, and expressed surprise that they suffered so many injuries, singling out Ramon Vega, with whom he had previously worked, and Darren Anderton, Sitting along-side him was Fritz Schmid, the intended new fitness trainer, whose failure to obtain a work permit proved to be the first of

If watching a 1-0 home defeat son was over after a row with by Crystal Palace, who were to ish the season bottom of the table, showed Gross how much there was to do, a 2-0 win at Everton in his first match in charge offered immediate hope that the players would at least be trying for him.

Folding up in a 6-1 home defeat by Chelsea a week later had supporters wondering whether that was the case at all, and by the end of the campaign all that had been achieved was to avoid

GROSS: FROM GRASSHOPPER TO GOODBYE SPURS

after second game of the season (3-0 defeat by Sheffield Wednesday). Win third game, 1-0 at Ever-September 5: Spurs appounce

protest outside White Hart Lane

his departure. Record: Premiership: Played 26: Won 9: Drawn 7: Lost 10:

June: Signs the unknown Italian defender Paolo Tramezzani from Placenza for £1.35m – his only Goats for: 35; Against 41; Points 34. FA Cup: Played 3; Won 1; Drawn 1; Lost 1.

relegation along with Palace.

Sixteenth the day Gross ar-

rived, Tottenham ended up two

places higher, almost entirely

thanks to Klinsmann's goals as

the situation grew serious to-

The German scored 50 per

cent more goals than anyone

else, despite having rejoined the

club only in December. But by

March be bad announced his in-

tention of leaving once the sea-

Gross over tactics, which raised

the important question of

whether he was entitled to any

more goodwill from supporters

who, with their increased ac-

cess to the media and the effect

that can have on share prices,

now exert greater influence

than ever before. Most seemed

prepared to see what Gross,

now assisted by David Pleat as

technical director, could come

up with in terms of summer transfers and what sort of a

team that might mean this sea-

son. The side booed off after the

first two games, with one new

but little-known Italian full-

back, was not quite what they

had in mind. The great foreign

adventure, they believed, had

brought them a Jo Venglos,

sieur Joneses by simply steal-

ing their ideas had not worked.

Why would it and why should it

Keeping up with the Mon-

not an Arsène Wenger.

It was a split that cost Gross

input in such matters.

wards the finish.

nied, seizing a birdie at the las and when he and Sioland face 10-foot putts at the first extr bole, it was the German's which went to ground. "T've never won in a sudder

death before so it's a good wa to add my third title." sai Struver, the son of a teachin pro. "I came from seven shot behind Ernie Els to win my firs the SAPGA Championship, s that was pretty memorable but this was real excitement.

"I thought I'd need to shoc 63 or 64 to beat Patrik an wouldn't have thought 66 wa good enough, but the key wa definitely the 18th. I played i five times altogether anbirdied it four times."

Three missed nutt around the five-foot mark be fore getting back on a roll, anthen failure to master the late par-fives, cost Sjoland his sec

ond win of the year.
"Sadly I couldn't hole shor putts on six, seven and eight which just shaved the hole and the back nine par-five. were the key to losing in the

end," said the Swede. Clarke birdied four of the las five holes, but a double-boge: on the short third denied him his chance of a play-off, and the £50,000 he earned was no enough for him to top the Eu

ropean rankings. That was because England's Lee Westwood closed with a 68 to earn a share of 12th place and keep Clarke £5.498 short o overtaking him.

Colin Montgomerie would have been overtaken for thire place in the rankings if Sjolanc had prevailed, but the Sco kept his spot, despite double bogeying the last for the sec ond day running, also to share

#### Woodhall admits he was lucky

BOXING

BY DAVID FIELD

RICHIE WOODHALL wore the expression of a condemned man rather than one who had got out of jail - Glenn Catley's countenance befitted a person who had invested his life savings in the Russian rouble.

For Woodhall there was clearly little satisfaction in his statistical triumph over Catley in the first defence of the World Boxing Council super-middleweight championship at the Telford Ice Rink on Saturday. He admitted: "I thought he [Catley] nicked it."

In contrast, Catley could take much pride from his title effort - but not the title he thought he had earned. "I was told 500 times after I left the ring that I'd been robbed," he said. The fortunate champion boxed far below his best on the way to a 116-113, 115-113, 114-114 verdict. On this form he would stand little chance in a unification bout against the World Boxing Organisation champion Joe Calzaghe.

### Tait shows his true pedigree

BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY at Burghley

BLYTH TAIT could forget all about disappointing dressage marks yesterday when he rode Chesterfield and Aspyring into first and second places on the final day of the Burghley Pedi-gree Chum Horse Trials and collected £26,000. A fellow New Zealander, Mark Todd, who filled the top two places here in 1987, is the only other rider to test's 37 years. Tait, who had considered

withdrawing Chesterfield after the dressage, took the horse from equal 12th to first on Saturday after a splendid round over the soggy cross-country course. Yesterday he jumped one of only four clear showcommanding margin.

This was the first Burghley victory for the great New

EQUESTRIANISM achieve this result in the con- British and Scottish champi- felt that Bally Free was feeling gain the world title in Italy next month.

> Nicholson on Hinnegar and Daniel Jocelyn on Silence - underlined their nation's strength by filling third and fifth places. Jancis Tulloch, the best of the jumping rounds to win by a British, was fourth on Bally Free

"I came here dreaming of finishing in the top 10," Tulloch Zealand horseman, who cur- said. She had the fastest crossrently holds the Olympic, country time on Saturday and

onships and will be aiming to rethe effects of his exertions gain the world title in Italy when he had three show jumps ext month. down and dropped one place
Two other Kiwis – Andrew yesterday. But the dream was more than fulfilled.

Katie Parker finished sixth on Cornish Envoy who, like Bally Free, had been shortlisted for the World Games in

ROTHE TOTALS (Stamport, Lines) Final post-tions: I Chesterfield (8 Talt., NZ) 67.8 penalties: 2 Aspyring (6 Talt., NZ) 67.8 Himegar (A Michotson, NZ) 92.0; 4 Barly Free (7 Tulloch, GB) 95.8; 5 Stience (0 Jo-celyn, NZ) 101.6; 6 Cornish Enwoy (K Park-er, GB) 103.0.

### Thomas sights fixeed on \$50,000 cash bonus

ATHLETICS

BY IAN GORDON in Moscow

IWAN THOMAS yesterday vowed to win maximum points

for Britain in next week's World Cup in Johannesburg - and collect \$50,000 (£31,000) for him-Thomas missed out on the

same cash prize in Saturday's 400m at the Grand Prix final in Moscow, when Mark Richardson avenged his European

place. But Thomas insisted he could aid the injury-ravaged British team's cause in South Africa by winning his individual event, as well as boosting his for that in South Africa." own bank balance.

Johannesburg – I promise you that," said the 24-year-old European gold medallist.

Thomas will face American
Thomas will face American
The 26-year-old from Wind-Jerome Young, who denied him an extra \$10,000 by taking secand place here, though both a few days to acclimatise, while 44.88 seconds.

second place," said Thomas, relay - then a gruelling flight who picked up \$20,000. "It is a from Johannesburg. bit of a pain missing out on the

"I'm going to win \$50,000 in favourite to win the Commonwealth crown after picking himself up from the confidence shattering defeat by Thomas in

Championship defeat by beat-ing the Welshman into third 44.96 seconds. I was sure I got in the World Cup - plus the

"I want to do well in the Comextra cash, but I can make up monwealths to prove I am a championship runner," said Richardson will now start Richardson, after finishing third in the Europeans. Pulled out of meetings in

Brussels, Berlin and Glasgow by his management as they restored his confidence on the training track, Richardson resor will head off to Malaysia in turned in style, with victory in



ANDREW JOHNSON was still in nappies when Bruce Grobbe-League Championships with saddled with the 'new Michael Owen' epithet prepares to be thrown into Birmingham's injury-stricken attack for his first league start, the clown prince of goalkeepers is wondering whether his 742nd senior appearance was his last.

Grobbelaar won more major trophies in his Anfield career. which started precisely 30 days after Johnson was born in 1981, than these two clubs in their entire histories put together. And, even nudging 41 years of age, the Bury stand-in suggested, on his one-day sabbatical from Ryman League duty, that he is still a highly capahle goalkeeper. But on Saturday he was merely deputising for the Republic of Ireland's reserve custodian Dean Kiely, and he cannot find regular work in the Nationwide League.

Johnson, by contrast, looks about to enjoy more first-class employment than expected. Dele Adebola was injured while colliding with Grobbelaar in scoring Birmingham's winner, his sixth of the season and the first Bury have conceded in 574 minutes of doughty League action. Adebola then hobbled away to a congested treatment table to give Johnson his home

Now Trevor Francis, himself once the teenage prodigy of St Andrew's, is considering unleashing the England Under-18 call-up on Stockport County tomorrow night. Young Andrew (echoes of the teenager eulogies favoured by coaches these days) had a very good movement," said the Birmingham manager. "I have a problem now, as I may be without Dele's calf doesn't respond. Attendance 15,935. But, if I have to start with Man of the match: Grobbelast

Johnson has been likened to Owen by Birmingham's director of youth Brian Eastick, and against Bury he showed good touch, pace and, in bringing the laar won the first of his six save of the match from an overworked Grobbelaar, a pow-Liverpool 16 years ago. Now, as erful shot. But this was his secthe latest speedy teenager to be ond hit-part appearance. Afterwards, the 5ft 4in former Luton schoolboy was quizzed about his similarities to Owen. Please... give the lad a break. Let the comparisons wait until he has done something. Grobbelaar, meanwhile, is

not the new anybody: he is simply the old Grobbelaar Unfamiliar team-mates ahead of him huffed and puffed, then eventually kicked and elbowed to try and get back into a shapeless game, and were fortunate only Andy Woodward was sent off, after he tripped Steve Robinson. The Zimbabwean veteran, who currently earns £200 a game with Chesham United, was meanwhile in sharp form.

"I haven't lost my agility and when you get to my age the first 10 yards is in your head. I'm not as good as I once was, but I'm as good as I ever was," he said, with a conviction suggesting zen-like wisdom. "It's better playing in front of big crowds, because with the small crowds you can hear what they are saving

"I'm still hungry and I hope I've done myself justice today. If I don't get back into the League this way, I might try management." If Kiely is required by Ireland again next month, Grobbelaar might well be available. If Johnson is still involved for Birmingham, then his early promise will be worth evaluating.

Goal: Adebola (19) 1-0. ingham City: Bennett; Rowett, M Johnson, Grainger; Robinson, en (Holland, 77), O'Connor, Hugh-rse, 83); Adebola (A Johnson, h-t).

(Matthews, 28), Daws (Patterson, 83), Johnnose; D'Jaffo (Ellis, 81), Precce. Referee: F Stretton (West Bridgford). my three top goalscorers if Bookings: Bury: Barrick Sending off.





Familiar faces in unfamiliar places: Bruce Grobbelaar (left), the former Liverpool goalkeeper, and Andy Goram, the former Rangers keeper, now turning out for Bury and Notts County respectively

# McMahon ends misery run

BY JON CULLEY

**Bristol City** 

IT WAS an agonising afternoon for Steve McMahon, manager of Swindon since November 1994, who was close to becoming their ex-manager before the current season began. His team had not won at the

County Ground since January during a calamitous run that plunged them to the brink of relegation last season and seemed to have spilled over into the new Three-nil up before some

spectators had settled into their 3-2 as Bristol City laid siege to their goal, had to survive two men sent off - and their goalkeeper was forced to play on with a broken nose. As the referee added eight minutes of croached upon his family life.

stoppage time, McMahon His family have been the tarwatched Bristol's Ade Akinbiyi hit the bar twice, before at last sampling the relief of a victory.

"It was hard to stand and watch it, I must admit," McMahon said. "But the players deserve the result because they stuck with it. At least we managed to win it, and maybe that means our luck is changing at last. I think we deserve it."

The last few months have led the 36-year-old former Liverpool and England midfield player to wooder whether he really wants to manage a club with no money and few prospects, especially when it means suffering the abuse of disgruntled

Swindon's faltering fortunes -a run of four wins in 29 games last season turned them from promotion candidates to relegation fodder - have also engets of abuse, too, especially his

"I was wondering whether it was all worthwhile," he said, confirming that he had considered resigning. "But a lot of players rang me to tell me they wanted me to stay and that was very important. Feeling I had the full backing of the players gave me a real lift."

Even so, there were times when even the potentially harrowing idea of taking over at Manchester City - a job he turned down in 1997 - must have seemed attractive. The calls for him to go had begun to mount nerable. In an eventful second this season after three defeats half. Akinbiyi hit back after 62 in the first five First Division minutes and collided with Talia matches, and chairman Rikki in the process, leaving the Hunt felt obliged to offer a vote Swindon goalkeeper with a bro-

Saturday's result has quiet- the bench, he was patched up ened the barrackers for the mo- and played on for half an hour ment, although it was touch and before going to hospital.

go as promoted Bristol City bat-

Yet Swindon's opening could not have been more emphatically successful, Mark Walters, who slotted home a secondminute penalty, played a part in setting up the second for George Ndah, and laid on the third for Iffy Ongora as a County Ground crowd who had witnessed only one Swindon goal in four matches could scarce-

ly believe what their eyes were But even with a three-goal cushion, their team was still vulof confidence only last week. ken nose. With no reserve on

Before then, substitute Sol tered away at Frank Talia's Davis had been sent off for the foul on Scott Murray that led to Micky Bell adding City's second from the penalty spot, and Robin Hulbert was also dismissed after committing two yellow card offences in the 10 minutes he was on the field,

A third Bristol goal would have come as no surprise. But the final whistle beat them to it and allowed McMahon, for once, to remember why he still wants to be manager.

Goals: Walters (pen 2) 1-0, Ndah (5) 2-0; Omuora (8) 3-0; Akinbiyi (62) 3-1; Bell (pen 75) 3-2.

Referee: P Rejer [Learnington Spa]
Sendings off: Swindon Daris, Hulbert,
Bookings: Swindon: Walters, Bullock,
Hulbert, Belstol City Watts, Thorpe. lauce: 2537.

### Allison keeps the ball rolling

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BY PHIL ANDREWS

Huddersfield Town Sheffield United

IT HAS been quite a start for the Huddersfield manager Peter Jackson. Before he took over last season, the Terriers were the First Division'a bottom dogs. Christmas cards were on the mantelpiece before their points tally reached double figures and they were giving Yorkshire neighbours Doncaster a run for their money as the Football League's hottest relegation favourites.

Then along came Jackson to start a transformation which shows every sign of continuing this season. Double figures have been achieved in the first week of September and his side sit proudly in a play-off spot.

Early days, of course, and not something to get carried away by in a town whose older inhabitants can still remember their team winning the League Championship three years on the trot, but quite a start for a

Town owe their success this season to a solid defence and the striking partnership of Marcus Stewart and Wayne Allison. who have now scored nine goals between them. Not that this was obvious until Allison scored two minutes from time with a shot off the underside of the crossbar.

Until then, his propensity for getting underneath the ball had seen two decent chances end up in Row Z of the stand, while Stewart's tendency was to steer his opportunities wide.

They are a double act," Jackson said. "Stewart gets most of the praise, but Allison takes a lot of stick and creates chances for him, so it is nice to see him getting on the score sheet."

Steve Bruce's introduction to management has been less happy. Having discovered, as most Blades managers do, that Bramall Lane is not paved with gold, he is now struggling to live up to great expectations with a squad short of the strength in depth required to reach the play-offs for the third successive year.

They hattled manfully in a scrappy match but the nearest they came to depriving Huddersfield goalkeeper Nico Vaesen of his first clean sheet was an audacious Bobby Ford chip from the half-way line that skimmed the crossbar.

Bruce was unhappy at having to play this match when international commitments (Dean Saunders and Vas Borbokis) added insult to a lengthy injury list. "If Huddersfield had been deprived of their two best players, they would have wanted it postponed too," he said.

That is debatable, Jackson's sixth-placed side are on a roll he may not want to interrupt even if his squad ran to the hixury of international players. Goal: Allison (88) 1-0.

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Huddersfield Town (4-4-2): Voesen; Jenkins, Collins, Morrison, (Gray, h-t), Ed-words: Richardson (Datton, 65), Home, Johnson, Thornley, Stewart, Allison, Sub-stitute not used: Barries. Sheffield United (4-42); Tracy; Wilder, Sandford, Holdsworth (Market, 40), Culve; Stuart, Ford, Hunt, Woodhouse (Marcello, 78); Devilin, Toylor, Substitute net weed; Dellas.

Bookings: Sheffield United: 5 Wilder

### deny £14m bid for Shearer

NEWCASTLE UNITED have denied reports that Serie A side Parma have made a £14m bid for Alan Shearer. The Italians are reported to be interested in reuniting the England striker with his former club-mate, Faustino Asprilla.

The Italian sports newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport reported that Parma have made a 40billion lira offer Shearer. However. Newcastle continue to insist the England captain is not for sale - at any price - and that, anyway, they have not received any bid for their £15m record buy.

Shearer, along with former England captain Stuart Pearce and club captain Rob Lee, met the new manager Rund Gullit seven days ago to discuss the future and the direction things would go, and there has been no indication that Shearer has decided it is time to move.

Parma's reputed bid for Shearer comes after they failed in an audacious attempt to sign Gabriel Batistuta from Fiorentina. Gullit was pnavailable for comment.

Everton hope to sign the Italian striker Igor Protti from Lazio today in the first of several deals at Goodison. Walter Smith, their manager, is flying in the 32-year-old Protti and plans to complete the deal in time for him to face Leeds United on Saturday.

Smith wants Protti and the African Ibrahima Bakayoko, of Montpellier, in a new-look attack, once he has agreed with Middlesbrough a valuation for Duncan Ferguson.

# Newcastle Angell provides the Cordon Bleu finish

BY DAVE HADFIELD

Stockport County

IT IS a predictable and patronsing put-down to describe a club like Stockport as unpretentious. In truth, any club that carries a restaurant critic and a wine columnist in its match programme has fancier ideas than most.

Yet it took the last 11 minutes

to transform this insipid brew during unproductive spells with into something more palatable. County have what it takes to be one of the better sides in the First Division, which is not to say that it is easy to imagine them in the Premiership. Already solid at the back, they should also he good for a healthy goal tally this season, now they have brought in Ian

Moore alongside Brett Angell The big striker was not exactly the Angell of the North that be needed to rearrange

Sunderland and Everton, but he has always scored goals for Stockport. On Saturday he always looked likely to break the deadlock again but, with Paul Cook lacking his normal precision in midfield, the quality of service was not quite up to stan-

Gary Megson, shouting himself hoarse from the dug-out. had come to the conclusion

things and the introduction of a Smith and Wayne Burnett in the lesson of this defeat was third striker, the vigorous young midfield gave them a quality of that they are going to have to Aaron Wilbraham, did the trick A handful from the start, it was his knock-down that produced Angell's first goal and he

fore Angell grabbed a second. It made it all look rather more straightforward than it best for Grimsby, with the had been, because there had scalps of Leicester City and had been, because there had been periods of the game where Grimsby were threat-

could have scored himself be-

movement that Stockport often failed to match and it was only the lack of impact of their frontmen, Lee Ashcroft and Jack Lester that denied them a first away point

Last season was one of the Sheffield Wednesday in the Coca-Cola Cup as well as proening to take control. David motion to the First Division. But

make vulnerable sides work harder than this if they are to Martier than this it they are to make an impression this term. Goals: Angell (78) 1-0. Angell (90) 2-0. Scockport County (4-4-2): Nash: Connelly, Flynn, McIntosh, Woodthorpe: Byrne, Gannon (Widhenham, 67), Cook, Cooper [Dinning, 74): Angell, Moore. Substitute not used: Phillips. Grinsby Tourn (4-4-2): Davidsort McDermott, R Smith, Handyside (Lever, 22), Galilmore (Nogan, 81): Coldicott (Black, 81), Burnett, Groves, D Smith; Ashcroft, Lester. Reference T Jones (Barrow). Booking: Stockport: Flynn,

#### Thorne stings Cherries Grazioli bashes aged to miss a sitter when Mo-hammed Berthe's cross found start to the season. But such a BY BOB HOUSTON mean defence often proves to be the ace in the hole when it Stoke City him unmarked at the far post. AFC Bournemouth Midway through the second half **Barnet** be did it again, after Neil Young comes to climbing out of the BRIAN LITTLE seems much had done the hard work with his lower divisions. Even without more relaxed nestling in their Icelandic defender Larus run and cross. Stoke's impressive new Bri-Those misses allowed Stoke Sigurdsson, back home in GIULIANO GRAZIOLI had to be to record their third successive

tannia Stadium, away from the rarefied atmosphere of the Premiership. But then, his new charges have got off to a start of six straight wins in the Nationwide Second Division and

are already putting space be-tween any challengers who may emerge along the way. Bournemouth are in that category and were keen enough to prove that they should still be among the contenders by next May. They just failed to live with a rejuvenated Stoke in the second half and crumbled to a pair

Had their striker, Mark Stein, shown the deadly touch he once exhibited as a Stoke hero, it might have been a very different story. In the first minute, with the sound of a rousing reception from his former Stoke admirers still ringing in his ears, he man-

clean sheet and the 65th minute arrival of the diminutive Dean Crowe, to become Stoke's third all-out attacker, did the rest. Within five minutes Peter Thorne had scrambled Stoke's first and the substitute made sure of the points with another untidy goal four minutes later.

An inspired substitution? Another for the "Super Sub" scrapbook? No, it was simple, the Stoke manager explained after the game. "Both sides had defended well and it didn't look as if they were going to score so I decided to throw on another forward. Substitutions will not all be that easy and simple as

we go through the season." The City faithful are the first to admit that they bave had more than their fair share of luck - especially at Colchester

Reykjavik giving France a fright, Stoke managed to keep Bournemouth - those two gifts to Stein apart - at arm's length. Carl Muggleton's clean and confident handling is a big help to the men in front of him, in direct contrast to Mark Ovendale's occasional Tommy Cooperish antics in the Bournemouth goal

The record books will show this has been Stoke's best start to a season since the days of Arnold Bennett and before even Stan Matthews was thought of - the 1905-06 season.

to be precise.

Goals: fhome (70) 1-0: Crowe (75) 2-0.
Stoleo Ger (4-4-2): Maggieron: Short. Small (firend: 71) Whittle: Redwinson; Woods. Ken, Walace (Crowe, 65), Thorne Lightbourne, Oxfield (Maain: 65).

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Reference: P Richards (Preston)

Actendance: 13,443\_

content with five goals rather than the six he was originally credited with as Peterborough United crushed Barnet 9-1 to set a Third Division record. Grazioli, who was signed by

the Posh manager Barry Fry after excelling for non-League Stevenage against Newcastle in the FA Cup last season, thought be had become the first player since West Ham's Geoff Hurst in 1968 to score six goals in an English League match. However, one of them was later credited to a team-mate. Hurst scored six against Sunderland in the old First Division in October 1968, the Hammers winning 8-0.

The demolition job Fry's team did on the club he took into the Football League beat the previous Third Division record for a victory, which also went to the away side when for serious foul play on the hour conceded a penalty and had



Giuliano Grazioli salutes one his five goals against

Scunthorpe won 8-1 at Torquay in October 1995. Saturday's scoreline could have been even worse for the

Bees had Peterborough's Mike Bodley not scored an own goal. The Barnet manager John Still also had to endure the embarrassment of his team finishing the game with only nine players. Jonathan Ford was sent off for violent conduct after nine minutes and Warren Goodhind

#### for cameras BY MARK PIERSON

Oxford United **Portsmouth** 

OXFORD UNITED, without a goal for 402 minutes at the start of the match, recorded their first win of the season in front of the Sky television cameras at the Manor Ground yesterday.

Oxford at best

For the first 25 minutes Portsmouth ran them ragged and only three excellent saves by Phil Whitehead from John Aloisi, John Durnin and David Hillier kept them in the game.

United finally found the net after 28 minutes. Jamie Cook, Paul Powell and Matt Murphy linked up on the left before the ball was played out to Les Robinson, whose cross from the right was headed in by the England Under-21 internation al Simon Marsh.

Six minutes later Pompey

their full-back Robbie Pethick sent off. Cook flicked a pass from Murphy past the full-back and was allowed to continue

after Pethick pulled at his shirt. Cook's shot was brilliantly saved by Aaron Flahavan but referee Paul Taylor halted play. awarded Oxford a penalty and showed Pethick the red card. having booked him earlier for another foul on Cook. Dean Windass scored from the spot.

Then, after 74 minutes, when Portsmouth failed to clear Murphy slipped a pass to Windass, who chested the ball down and drove in his second goal.

Goals: Marsh (28) 1-0, Windass (pen 34)
2-0; Windass (74) 3-0.
Oxford United: Whitehead: Robinson,
Marsh, Gray [Hill, 77), Whelan, Gilchiss
(Thomson, 45), Powell, Windass, Cook,
Murphy, Beauchamp, Substitute not

Portsmouth: Fishaver, Pernic, Super-McLoughlin, Whitbread, Awford, The-gersen, Hillier (Nyeridis, 66), Aloisi, Dumin (Peron, h-r), Igoe (Phillips, h-r). Referce: P Taylor (Cheshum), Sending-off: Portsmouth: Pethick Bookings: Oxford: Whitehead, Gray Thomson, Portsmouth: Pethick, Awford Man of the match:

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### THAT WAS THE **WEEKEND THAT WAS**

**EDITED BY JON CULLEY** 



RUMOURS

Fact and fiction from

YOU CAN take your pick over the same paper that their who will succeed Christian goalkeeper, Nigel Martyn, is

goalkeeper, Nigel Martyn, is

being tempted to stay with a

four-year contract worth

£15,000 per week.
Meanwhile, the Mail is not

saving who will get the Spurs

job but reckons that the for-

mer England manager.

Bobby Robson, was ap-proached last week hut de-

clined because he is under contract to PSV Eindhoven.

The Pcople, Moil and Mirror all report a £3m West

Ham swoop for Sheffield Wednesday's Andy Hinch-

cliffe, while the Mirror says

Everton are to take the Lazio

striker, Igor Protti, on loan,

and the Pcople reckons Not-

tingham Forest plan a Elm bid for Croatia Zagreb's

Australian forward, Marc

Viduka. According to the

Mail, Hinchcliffe's arrival

might mean the end of the

In the People, Tottenham

are supposedly keen to land

Chelsea's £12m-rated striker

Tore Andre Flo and would be

road for Julian Dicks.

the Sunday papers

Gross as Tottenham's head

coach after the Sunday

papers revealed three differ-

ent names as "red-hot

Top of the list, according to the People, is the ex-Atletico

Madrid coach Raddy Antic,

who played under Totten-

ham's director of football.

David Pleat, at Luton and is

reported to have been

belping Spurs in their search

for new players. However, the Mirror is

adamant that Tottenham's

first choice is their former

player and current Wimble-

don manager, Joe Kinnear,

said to have been earmarked

by Alan Sugar, and it confi-

dently predicts he will be

Not so, says the News of

the World. The real target is

the Leeds manager George

Graham, with whom, the

paper claims, top-level talks

have already taken place

prior to an official approach.

offered the job this week.

favourite" to land the job.

# Stein shows loyalty is not out of fashion

IN THESE days of megamoney, club-hopping, short-loyalty he has shown to sons ago came to nothing term superstars, the idea of loyalty in football is in danger of becoming an alien concept.

Happily, it does still exist witness the rousing reception accorded to Bournemouth's Mark Stein by Stoke City fans at the Britannia Stadium on Saturday.

Those supporters retain a deep affection for the 5ft 6in striker. With 68 goals in 123 appearances, Stein played a major part in winning the Second Division championsbip and the Autoglass Trophy under Lou Macari's

But then the South Africanborn player is especially

ON A Saturday ootable for

same degree as Andy Goram. Goram's world fell apart

this summer when he pulled

out of Scotland's World Cup

squad for mysterious "per-

with Rangers after seven

for Notts County. There were

years at Ibrox.

Goram thankful

for emergency call

veteran goalkeepers making for Darren Ward - on in-

comebacks - Bury had Bruce ternational duty with Wales -

Grobbelaar between the was one he dared out miss

sticks at Birmingham - ar- after four months of wonder-

guably no one suffered from ing whether, at 34, his career

Little has been seen or ended when Sam Allardyce,

heard of him since but he the County manager, asked

less than 4,500 people there in doubted he had lost the touch

culture shock to quite the was at an end.

sonal reasons" and lost his job Football is my life."

turned up on Saturday in goal birn to help out.

struggling Bournemouth after when Chelsea demanded a Mel Machin rescued him from £1m fee. Similar obstacles a nightmare at Chelsea.

A £1.5m signing when he moved from Stoke to Stamford Bridge, Stein established himself after a slow start and set a Premiership record by scoring in nine consecutive matches

But when Cheisea began to recruit expensively from overseas, he fell out of favour only to find himself trapped by a long-term contract and in the reserves.

Now 32, be last played a Premiership match in November 1995 but his hopes of rejoining Stoke after a

The opportunity to stand in

"It's been the worst time of

my career," he said. "I just sat

by the phone waiting for a call

but nothing happened. This is my 18th season in the game.

Last week, however, the

Just in case anyone

long wait for a telephone call

prevented a permanent move to Ipswich last season.

Eventually, ha stepped down two divisions just to get some action while waiting for his contract to expire, joining Bournemouth on loan in March. And when Machin offered to retain him during the summer, he chose to stay despite the chance of a more hicrative move abroad.

"It's not about mooey because I could have got more elsewhere. I wanted to stay in England and have the chance to show people I have still got a lot to offer," Stein said.

#### KEY NUMBERS

The number of England players sent off following Paul Ince's dismissal against Sweden. 74

The number of seconds it took Alan Shearer to give England false hopes with his early goal. 82,000 The number of spectators who witnessed Ukraine's European Championship win over Russia.

3,000 The number of spectators who witnessed Germany's 1-1 friendly draw against Romania.

#### I TOLD YOU SO

"If we can get a confident start and a win under our belts the **World Cup slowly** disappears."

England coach Glenn Hodan atmosphere somewhat re- that won him 43 caps he pulled moved from the Scottish Cup off some fine saves against dle. The World Cup will be final, Goram's last competitive Wigan, even though he could with him a while longer yet. appearance - in front of 49,000. not prevent a County defeat.

#### JASON MAKEER

INTERNATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

BARRY FERGUSOR

ALAN SHEARER ROY KEANE

MARK KINSELLA

England

STEVE STAUNTON

Scotland

Manager of the week: Mick McCarthy - his most impressive result in charge of the Republic

Performance of the week: Wales - deserved more after passionate effort against Italy

#### Missing... making it... and mistaken

**GARY MASON** 

MANCHESTER CITY

NIGEL CLOUGH MANCHESTER CITY

The former England striker has been on Manchester City's transfer list since the beginning of the year, having been out of favour at Maine Road since November 1996. He joined Sheffield Wednesday oo loan last season but played

only twice. Brian's son was recently spotted training with Birmingham City, although Trevor Francis, the Birmingham manager, has no plans to sign him.





The 18-year-old Edinburghborn midfielder has caught the eye with a string of excellent performances since breaking into City's side this season, impressing his manager, Joe Royle, so much with his mature play that Royle wants to build his fledgling line-up around him.



# Ian Lavender

Stoke City's new manager may well share the thick grey barnet of the former Private Pike, but after starting the season with six wins out of six games to lead the Second Division he is clearly no stupid boy.



WIEDNIESDAY: Among eight Premiership matches, Chelsea are at home to Arsenal and Tottenham begin life after Christian Gross with a tough home match against Blackburn Rovers. Leaders Liverpool tackle Coventry while Charlton put their unbeaten record on the line at Old Trafford, Ruud Gullit looks for his first New-castle points at Aston Villa. FRIDAY: In Nationwide action, First Division Tranmere face Hud-dersfield Town, in the Third, newcomers Halifax Town bid to con-tinue their impressive start at home to Cardiff. SATURDAY, In the Premiership, West Ham test their new-found self-belief at home to Liverpool and Arsenal return to Leicester, scene of Dennis Bergkamp's goal-of-the-season in last season's dramatic 3-3 draw.

Worried Leeds supporters prepared to trade Darren may be soothed by a report in Anderton in order to get him.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TOWORROW: In the Premiership, bottom-of-the-table Southampton are at Leeds while high-flying Nottingham Forest face winless Everton. There are three joint-leaders of Nationwide First Division - Birmingham and Sunderland are at home with Wolves away to bottom-of-the-table Port Vale.

SUNDAY: Troubled Tottenham against troubled Middlesbrough comes in for the TV treatment.

#### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

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TOMORROW

FOOTBALL (2.AS unless stated): FA
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Wolves; Queen's Park Rangers v Trannere;
Stoffield that v Grimsty, Sunderland v Briscol City; West Bromwich v Bolton, Seconed Divisions Batchpool v Norts County
(7.30); Bristol Rovern v Chester field; Fulham v Stocke; Gillingham v Northampton;
Manchester City v Bournemouth; Oldham
v Macclesfield; Valsall v York; Wigan v
Colchester; Wrexham v Luton; Wycombe
v Preston, Talird Divisions Cardiff v Bornec (7.30); Carlisle v Swanses; Darlington
v Hartlepool (7.30); Eveter v Brighton; Hull
v Rochdale (7.30); Leyton Orient v Mansfield; Peterborough v Chester; Rotherham
v Plymouth; Southern v Halliac; Torquay v
Brennford, Spottela, Langue Conquerber-Finalis; v January (8.0); Kilminuta v Rochdal, Langue Conquerber-Finalis; v January (8.0); Kilminuta v Rochdal Conference: Barrow
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v Neath; Newport v Caerpfully.

#### THIS WEEK'S MAJOR FIXTURES RACING: LEICESTER (2.10); LINGFIELD (2.0); NEWCASTLE (2.20).

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Middlesv Suriness V Windledon, Nationwide Football Langue First
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10.30); Durham v Surrey (or Chesterle Street); Glamorgan v Derbyshire (of
Conff); Kont v Somerset (or Cesterle Street); Glamorgan v Derbyshire (or
Conff); Kont v Somerset (or Cesterle Street); MiddlesNorthamptons); Worcestershire v Hampting Premienship Leeds v Southampton; Nottingham Forest v Everton, Nationwick Football Langue (or Cup In the County);
Leicestershire v Europe
Conff); Kont v Somerset (or Cesterle Street); Sidmorgan v Southampton; Nottingham Forest v Everton, Nationwick Football Langue (or Cup In the County);
Leicestershire v Sussex (or Letester); Middieses v Southampton; Nottingham Forest v Everton, Nationwick F RACING: DONCASTER (1.30); KEMP-TON (1.45).

RACING: DONCASTER (1.30); CHEP-STOW (2.15); Newton Abbot (2.25).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL (7.AS unless stated): Nationwide Football League First Di-vision: Tranmere v Huddersfield. Third Dhiston: Halifax v Cardiff.

RUGBY LEAGUE: IJB Sports Super Leagues Hull v Halifax (7.30); Sheffield v London (7.30) (of Bromati Lane). RUGEY UNION: Galaness Irish inter-Provincial Championship: Uister v Le-Inster (7.30) (at Rovenhil, Belfast). RACING: DONCASTER (1.30); GOOD-WOOD (2.15); Worcester (2.20).

#### SATURDAY

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INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL RESULTS GROUP ONE Belarus ....... Denmark ... 35,000 (at Dynamo stadium, Minsk)

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GROUP THREE 

June 9: Moldova v Finland. Sept 4: Fin-land v Germany: Northern Ireland v Turkey. Sept 8: Germany v Northern Ire-land; Moldova v Turkey. Oct 9: Germany v Turkey; Finland v Northern Ireland.

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# Hoddle faces two-pronged problem



COMMENTARY

IT WAS not just England's Europe Championship prospects which were put in jeopardy on Saturday evening, it was also the future of England's new dream attack. Though Tommy Soderberg, Sweden's coach, underlined football's essential simplicity by describing his winning tactics as "boom, boom, swap, swap", the game is not so simple that it is just a case of throwing the best players together.

Much as happened six years ago, when Graham Taylor's turnips were unrooted in the same Stockholm stadium, England were outplayed by a team which moved both ball and bodies with greater fluidity, imagination and pace to earn their 2-1 victory. "Everybody was talking about Michael Owen but we have fast players too," said Lars Lagerback, Soderberg's assistant.

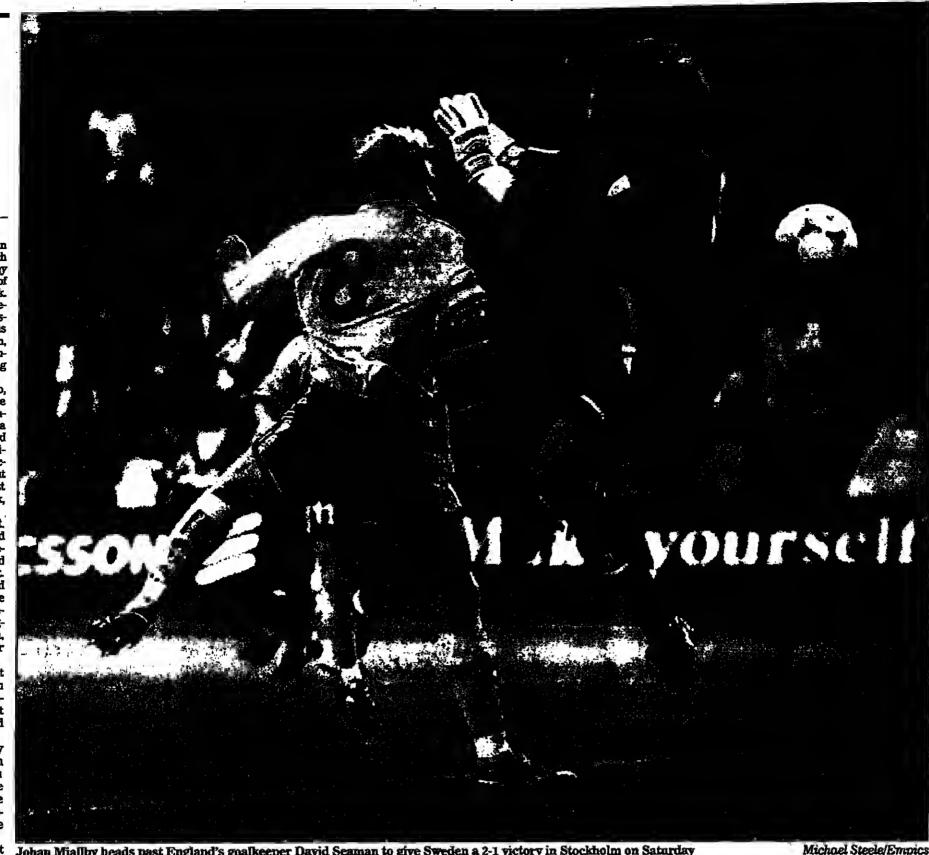
Fleet of thought as well as foot. From the moment Soderberg told Anders Andersson to make Sweden's twin attack a three-pronged one England were on the back foot. The central defenders were dragged out of their comfort zones while the wing-backs were drawn into becoming full-backs. As a result England lost their attacking width, leaving Owen and Alan Shearer

This has happened before, most notably in Switzerland, and if Glenn Hoddle persists with a 3-5-2 formation it raises serious questions about the potency of this much-heralded partnership

England's next difficult away match is not until pext summer, in Bulgaria, but before then Glenn Hoddle must find a solution to the problem which threatens to negate the apparent boon of having two outstanding forwards available at the

At international level the best partnerships - Lineker and Beardsley, Shearer and Sheringham have been those of spearhead and link man, scorer and provider. Ferdinand and Shearer, Hateley and Lineker, did not succeed.

One reason for this is pin-pointed in Tony Adams' autobiography Addicted, which is published today. He writes: "You couldn't play [Shearer and Lineker together because



Johan Mjallby heads past England's goalkeeper David Seaman to give Sweden a 2-1 victory in Stockholm on Saturday

with his movement, finishing and pace, is not dissimilar to Lineker.

Yet the danger of him and Shearer getting in one another's way is the modern arena, is the concentration on the midfield numbers game. If you play two up away from home, when you are inclined to defend deeper, the team becomes

comes limited to long balls from the back. The solution was to play Paul Scholes behind the front two but with the wing-backs pushed back he only half the problem. The other, in could not afford to get forward, as that would have left Paul Ince and field.

Having a deeper player also causthey would take each other's space stretched out with the result that, as draws a central defender out and better and it's something we've got the pre-match attention on Owen

playmakers like Stefan Schwarz, together I asked one of them to drop who was allowed to roam the Rasunda stadium untroubled. Hoddle was clearly disappointed

with the front two's positional play. He said: "There are reasons Michael aig not get ch nces irom ms sice o the coin as well as anyone else's." He added: "Michael and Alan could es problems for the opposition. It have done it [their partnership] a lot

off at times but, though we got messages on, for whatever reason it did not happen enough. We have got to

Shearer generally had a decent against him. game. He was clearly pumped up by

inside of the post after 72 seconds after Scholes had won a free-kick. He might easily have had a penalty when Roland Nilsson chopped him look at the pair of them working de- off at the knee in the box in the last fensively to put more pressure on the 'minute but Pierfuigi Collina, the Italer's delayed and crumpling fall

A penalty then would have been very handy but largely undeserved. and be rendered ineffective." Owen, on Saturday, forward service be- also cramps the space available for to look at if they are going to play and deserved his goal, scored off the Though Darren Anderton started Man of the match: Schwarz

brightly before being injured, Jamie Redknapp had his moments and Sol Campbell was reasonably solid, few of the England players emerged with any credit. David Seaman, in particular, looked shuggish for both of the goals, Adams did not appear fit and Gareth Southgate was unusually

He gave away the free-kick from which Anders Andersson equalised after Seaman had parried Schwarz's shot. He and Adams also missed Pontus Kaamark's cross from which Scholes inadvertently set up Johan Mialiby for the winner 129 seconds later. Reflecting on how Seamen, oddly made himself small by protecting his face as he challenged for the loose ball, Scholes must have thought wistfully of Peter Schmei-chel's "starburst" routine.

"Strange" and "silly" goals according to Hoddle but they were a consequence of drawing Sweden on to them. The idea was to create space to counter-attack through Owen, but England's passing was neither quick nor accurate enough to do so. Instead they invited pressure which forces mistakes and, after the buzz of the early goal dissipated, England lacked authority. The passing, Hoddle noted, became "sloppy" though he was unsure whether it was "complacency or lack of technique".

Confidence, perhaps sapped by the recent controversies, or differences with the manager, went quickly and Sweden took advantage, Along with Schwarz and Celtie's Henrik Larsson, Fredrik Ljungberg, the part-timer from Halmstad stood out. It was no surprise to hear the 21-year-old is thought bound for

Hoddle's other concern was the indiscipline. "We picked up too many bookings through rash tackles," he said. The worst offender was Ince, who was justifiably dismissed after 64 minutes and will be banned for at east one match.

After his exit, England showed their customary pluck and might have stolen a draw through Graeme Le Saux or Shearer's penalty claim. That, however, would merely have prolonged the false impression left by the heroic defence of St Etienne.

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derson, 90, BNGLANII (3-5-2); Saaman (Arsenal); Sobi gata (Aston Villa), Adheus (Arsenal), Campbe Anderson (both Tottenham), Ince (Liverpoo Scholes (Menchester United), Reditmapp (U erpool), Le Saux (Chelsea); Owen (Live son (Middlesbrough) for Campbell, 741 Shen-ingham (Manchester United) for Scholes, 86. Referee: P Collina (Italy). Sending off: England: Ince. Booked: Swe-den: Schwarz, England: Owen, Ince, Recknapp.

# Pouting Ince lets the side down Pressure on

ALL RIGHT, so in today's climate even such notable gentlemen of the game as Stanley Matthews and **Bobby Charlton would be fortunate** not to appear on the crime sheet, but the indiscipline that finally wrecked England's cause in Stockholm on Saturday further undermines a once proud reputation.

We have come a long way from the time when corinthian idealism ensured that anyone sent off in an England shirt had seen the last of his caps, but the Football Association are on dangerous ground if they are prepared to go along with pragmatic management.

Glenn Hoddle cannot be held to account for the stupidity that resulted in Paul Ince being dismissed for a second vellow card offence against Sweden anymore than he was responsible for the petulance that resulted in David Beckham's expulsion against Argentina during the recent World Cup finals. However, it is the coach who

sets standards of behaviour, the coach who treads that fine line between acceptable and unaccept-



**JONES** ON MONDAY

able conduct when calling for a maximum effort.

It was not merely that England again found themselves depleted in an important match but that Ince disgraced himself and the team as he pouted towards the dressing rooms, appearing to show the crowd two fingers while mouthing off in-

People crammed into the south the could be heard to support Hod-

match were in no mood to forgive

"Idiot," bellowed a large man, his ample gut bulging beneath a replica England shirt. Idiot indeed, Ince's wild lunge when other methods of interception were available to a player of his experience bringing all it

The mood of those around me had changed in the two or three minutes that saw Sweden equalise and take the lead after falling behind to Alan Shearer's free-kick "Here we go again," they chorosed

Taking some air outside during the half-time interval - also relief from a bombardment of television analysis - I was approached by three late arrivals, one of whom asked for the score. As the inquiry was in a Scottish accent, the response to news of England's distress, "They'd better get Elleen to give the team talk," was predictable.

As the second half progressed lit-

London pub where I watched the dle's belief that he is much loved by England's supporters. "He's lost the plot," somebody said. "Anderton's bloody injured again," said another, "Alan Shearer's not what he was and

the tactics are a disaster". Michael Owen's ineffectiveness baffled them. "At this level it's a lot more difficult for Owen to find space," they had heard Andy Gray say on Sky's transmission.

Trouble is that Owen-mania overwhelms circumspection. Time is what the Liverpool prodigy needs, time in which to supplement his coruscating pace with improvements in link play and dealing with more accomplished defending than he comes up against in the Premier-

Last week's bat-trick at Newcastle was further proof of Owen's enormous potential but it was achieved against a team that would have struggled to keep out the Avon lady. Sweden were a much different proposition, working hard and inelligently to ensure that the supply lines to Owen and Shearer were cut

sembled company grew more and more frustrated with the errors, individual and collective, England JAVIER CLEMENTE said he has no continued to make; careless passing, shaky positional play, unintelligent movement.

When Sweden began using their numerical advantage to give England the run around by sensibly keeping possession, it was more than my companions could stomach. "We were supposed to win this match," somebody said, "but the Swedes are just taking the piss out

A cry went up when Shearer appeared to be tripped in injury time. Penalty," they chorused. From the large screen Ron Atkinson exssed doubt. "It isn't clear," he said. "What's he bloody on about," came a cry from my left. "A penalty, definitely a penalty.

Hoddle could be seen gesticulating on the touchline. "Come on Glenn, get a grip," came the shout. Then it was over Much muttering. "Same old story," somebody said.

# I felt it wise not to enter into discussion about this because the as-

intention of resigning as Spain's coach despite his side's dismal 3-2 defeat away to Cyprus in their European Championship qualifying Group Six match.

The idea is to carry on working calmly and prepare for the next game, which is still a month away." Clemente said after Saturday's set-

Clemente, who survived calls for his resignation after Spain's unexpected first-round exit at the World Cup in France, knows the knives will be out once more in the wake of the Cyprus débacle, which saw Spain outfought and outplayed by their modest hosts.

Cyprus were 2-0 ahead inside 48 minutes, Panayiotis Engomitis and Sinica Gogic scoring either side of half-time, and kept their shape after a goal from Raul, the Real Madrid striker, threatened to inspire a comeback from Spain. They went 3-1 ahead thanks to a superb header from Milenko Spoljaric and although Fernando Morientes gave Spain hope with six minutes to go the Cypriots held on.

For the moment, Clemente has the support of the Spanish football federation, which says it will honour the remaining two years of his contract, but that backing will be tested to the limit if Spain continue to perform badly on such a grand scale.

The omens for Russia's first encounter with Ukraine, their fellow former Soviet republic, were never good and Saturday's 3-2 defeat suggested a squad in as deep a crisis as the country's economy.

The collapsing rouble ensuared players and strengthened in certain the Russian team even as they pre-

moured car laden with hard cash

persuaded the Moscow airport authorities to fuel their charter plane and let them fly to Kiev.

"Players cannot help but be worried and to some extent distracted by wbat's going on in the country," Russia's new Ukrainian-born coach, Anatoly Byshovets, said, praising the way his makeshift foreign legion hung on after the Chelsea goalkeeper Dimitri Kharine was sent off.

Ukraine's Prime Minister, Valery Pustovoitenko, who also heads their football federation, was among 82,000 passionate fans who watched their side take the ragged Russians apart, going 2-0 up inside 25 minutes and only narrowly failing on a number of occasions to turn the evening into a total rout. Unheralded Iceland confirmed

on Saturday what the world has suspected, that France lack an effective strike force despite winning the World Cup. The world champions failed to shine in their opening Group Four qualifier, drawing 1-1 with Iceland in Reykjavik, a result which will raise the hopes of both Ukraine and Russia

It also gave added firepower to France's detractors and vividly showed that the team desperately needs effective strikers.

"I cannot blame the players. They did what I was expecting from them tonight. But I must say that we were unlucky, particularly during the second half," said France's new coach, Roger Lemerre, who will find that blaming fate will find him few allies from a hostile French press.

Armenia predictably made short work of the group's minnows, Andorra, beating them 3-1 with Tigran Yesaian scoring twice in the Central stadium in Verevan. The goal they gave away came from a late

# Merson squares up for Robson showdown

PAUL MERSON is expected to hold talks with the Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson today, after admitting he almost quit the club on

three occasions last season. Merson is apparently desperate to leave the Riverside stadium, with Aston Villa the firm favourites to land the England man. The former Arsenal player cites a mixture of unhappiness at Middlesbrough's lack of ambition, and fears he may return to drinking and gambling, as his chief reasons for wanting to quit the north-east.

Merson, a key component in belo-

ing Middlesbrough regain their Premiership status last season, said, "I'm not happy with a lot of things behind the scenes at the club at the moment, and it's going to be sorted out on Monday.

"It would be right to call them showdown talks, and it looks as if I will probably be on my way. There is also loads of personal stuff which I need to sort out and talk about with

Bryan Robson. "A lot of the players like to have a drink and a bet. The situation is too were sorted out behind the scenes

to drinking and gambling I am in danger of going back to my old

"I made Bryan aware of my feelings to a conversation from Sweden on Friday. But this isn't an overnight decision on my part, which has come out while I'm away with Eng-

"I had three meetings with the club last year about getting away and no-one ever knew about it. Things much for me - the danger signs are and everything was kept hush-hush. That's what I wanted to do again

"I know if I keep on being exposed this time, but now the whole world Villa's manager John Gregory is keen to land Merson, as the player

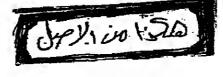
he has been looking for to link up between midfield and attack. Robson will be looking for more than the £5m to recoup his investment, but Villa may well feel that is an unrealistic fee for a player past

his 30th birthday. Merson explained: "I feel as if I have got to get away. Something has got to be done. Paul Gascoigne's name has been blown up as the rea-

going to sell papers. But I'm not just aming Gazza. That's just one thing that's been picked up on."

Merson added that Middlesbrough's apparent lack of ambition was affecting his decision. "There are other things relating to the club. I went there to be part of a team that wanted to get back in the Premiership, but was also told I'd be part of a team that would win trophies.

"The fact they have not bought areas of the team is a big part of my pared to travel for the Group Four decision. Middlesbrough are not match. Only the arrival of an arson with I am going because he is going to win anything this year."



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Euro 2000: McCarthy's men celebrate flying start to campaign but there is little joy for Brown, Gould or McMenemy

# Republic , savour the party mood

BY STEVE TONGUE in Dublin

Republic of Ireland Croatia

AS LANSDOWNE Road shook to a rapturous ovation following the Republic of Ireland's victory, the public-address announcer urged: "Enjoy the party". It seemed unlikely that the 34,000 needed any en-

"In 30 years of my career, I never saw a crowd like this," said the visiting manager, Miroslav Blazevic, who must have been as touched by the warm and respectful welcome initially accorded to his team as he was taken aback by the volume of noise that followed.

On Croatia's previous visit, for a 2-2 draw just before Euro 96, the occasion had been in a much lower key for the Irish, having failed to qualify were adjusting to life after Jack Chariton, whose replacement, Mick McCarthy, was struggling to win a match and recapture the affection he had once enjoyed as their centre-half and captain.

Now, 30 months into the job, "Yer Man" is his own man. "My cards were on the table today," McCarthy said. "This was my squad and my team. And with a full squad, we're a force to be reckoned with."

Croatia, narrowly beaten semifinalists at the World Cup, but arriving now without half a dozen formidable players, certainly did not reckon on conceding two goals in the opening 15 minutes to Denis Irwin and Roy Keane. Just as they had got back into the game either space of two minutes.

They were more dangerous with nine men than 11," McCarthy said. Oddly, that was the case in terms of real chances. Once substitute Lee Carsley - with his first touch - and the outstanding Mark Kinsella were denied a third goal by goalkeeper Drazen Ladic and the crossbar respectively, Phil Babb's uncertainty at the back might twice

have been punished by Igor Pamic. That aside, the only negative aspect to the afternoon for McCarthy was what he called "two stupid bookings for dissent - gross stupidity, which means we might lose players later." The miscreants were Kinsella and Robbie Keane, the teenaged Wolves striker, both caught up for one unwise moment in the tensions of their first com-

petitive international Robbie Keane, quiet apart from one exceptional turn in the penalty area just before half-time, 19year-old Damien Duff and

Norwich's Keith O'Neill (who injured his shin early on) were all sub-stituted, so on this occasion the Young Dubs ultimately had less influence than the Old Subs like Tony Cascarino, O'Neill'a replacement, and Jeff Kenna, who came on at half-time for his Blackburn col-

ague Duffin a tactical adjustment. Their day will come, however Just as Jack Charlton freshened up his squad before the 1994 World Cur campaign by introducing Jason McAteer, Gary Kelly (currently injured) and Babb, so for the emergence of a gifted new young group of players is an important part of the optimism now running through Irish football again.

Remarkably, the Republic won the European Championship at both Under-18 and Under-16 level this summer, having previously finished third at the World Cup for Under-18 players. Keane has already jumped into the senior side and others should follow.

Saturday's success led to deserved punishment for the Dublin bookmakers, whose pessimism had been reflected in unheard of odds against the Republic for a Lansdowne Road fixture of 5-2. The rewards doubtless fuelled much of the after-match partying.

Yugoslavia away next month is something different altogether. If offered a draw this time, the manager said yesterday: "I wouldn't bother getting on the plane. I don't know any team in Europe that would go

there fancying they'd win."

As far as is known, no such arrangement is available, for the Yugoslavs, preparing for two wars side of half-time, the heavy tackling: without weapons against Croatia, will versity that cost them 19 yellow ing defeat for the enemy. It will also cards in France had dramatic have alerted them, of course, to the fielder Krunoslav Jurcic in the month would now be assessed as a setback rather than the trauma it might otherwise have been. A draw. on the other hand, would further fuel BY DAVID ANDERSON

the self-belief in Dublin. As President Clinton said in the capital on Friday, before returning Turkey to more pressing personal matters: Northern Ireland

The Celtic tiger is roaring".

Goals: Irwin (per 5) 1-0; Roy Keare (16) 2-0.

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and suspect temperament in ad. be even more fired up by this open. The Republic of Ireland's Jeff Kenna rises to the occasion with Croatia's Petar Krpan Empics

### repercussions, with the dismissals of striker Mario Stanic and mid-fielder Krunoslav Jurcic in the month would now be assessed as a Turks too hot to handle

in Istanbul

LAWRIE MCMENEMY is billing Northern Ireland's next Euro 2000 qualifier against Finland at Windsor Park as a "six-pointer" after this thrashing by Turkey at Galatasaray's Ali Sami Yen Stadium on Saturday.

The Northern Ireland manager realises that his side must beat the Finns in their second match next month or just like in their qualifying campaign for France 98, their assault could be over before it has even begun. When McMenerny was asked if second place in the group was still attainable he replied: "The next same - Finland - will tell us. They have had a good win against Moldova and so

that one is set up nicely.

that certainly applies to that game. I said at the start that I would like to go into Christmas with half a dozen points at least from our first three games and now we've just got half a dozen to play for."

Oktay Derelioghu, the Besiktas striker, scored either side of a Tayfur Havutcu penalty as Turkey ran the Irish ragged.

Iain Dowie, who won his 50th cap in the match, was highly critical of his side's performance, particularly in the second half. "I felt this was the worst we have played away from home for some time and our fans deserve better," he said.

"This performance was disheartening, but remember we beat Switzerland at home, who had beaten England, so we do have good performances in our locker.

"It's now time we started producing them when it matters and that is going to be next month. We must get "You talk about six-pointers and the three points against Finland."

The defeat highlighted the paucity of quality in the Northern Ireland side who boasted just three Premiership regulars and one of those, Keith Gillespie, was making his comeback after five months out with an ankle

McMenemy can use that as an excuse, but he cannot hide behind it for too long as his sacked predecessor Bryan Hamilton can testify. Goals: Oktay (18) 1-0; Yayfur (49 pen) 2-0, Oktay (58) 3-0.

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# Scots' age concern for the future

BY PHIL SHAW in Vilnius

Scotland THE EASIEST team to pick, declared Craig Brown after the most sterile Scotland display in his five

years as manager, is the Hindsight XI. The hardest, and perhaps most significant for the future of the Scottish game, may be the one he sends out in their next European Championship qualifier, at home to Estonia in a month's time.

Scotland's starting line-up in Lithuania was their oldest in living memory, with an average age of nearly 32, and only Christian Dailly not at least into his 30th year. Yet they finished with a tantalising glimpse of things to come after Brown threw on a trio of uncapped players -Barry Ferguson, Callum Davidson and Neil McCann - none of whom was born when Jim Leighton cut his football teeth.

The 40-year-old Leighton spared Scotland a calamity to compound their World Cup embarrassment by Morocco with a stunning save from a first-half header by Edgaras

"We dug in and got a clean sheet and that is always something to savour," Leighton said. "But the game was as frustrating for me as everyone in the team. I think 0-0 looked on the cards for a long time.

"Lithuania are not a bad side hut the pitch made things difficult for us. We had to lump the ball forward for that was all that was possible on that

None of Scotland's other hardened campaigners matched Leighton's contribution, and while Brown stood by his selection, the positive impact of the substitutes clearly provided food for thought.

Brown now faces some tough choices before Scotland resume their rivalry with Estonia in Edinburgh on 10 October and tackle the Faroe Islands at Aberdeen five days later. They are the first of four conto prop up the table, so anything less points. than six points would leave the Scots facing an uphill task to qualify.

to view this performance as a bad one-off - like the infamous 0-0 draw with Estonia in Monaco - by players good enough to reach the last two major tournaments, or to interpret their failure to force a single save from Lithuania's goalkeeper as symptomatic of a team out of time. For the moment, one suspects, he will want to avoid throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Nevertheless, if grafting a chunk of youthful vitality on to a veteran core smacked of compromise, no one could accuse Brown of taking the soft option. "I think we were quite brave to try to freshen things up after halftime," he said. "Had we lost a goal after the youngsters had gone on, we'd have been heavily criticised for not leaving the experienced players on to see the job through.

"All three enhanced their chances of starting the next game. Home fixtures on good surfaces like the ones at Tynecastle and Pittodrie,

that's the time to blood these guys. I thought we looked brighter after they came on."

Ferguson, 20, eased himself into a robust midfield contest, always playing with his head up and creating Scotland's only half-chance. Unfortunately for them, a Lithuanian defender had a yard's start on Ally

McCoist and averted the danger. The 22-year-old Davidson, cau-tioned for a reckless challenge within two minutes of coming on, settled well and looked a natural left wingback. Which, of course, he is compared with the right-footed Dailly.

"I think Callum was out to make an impact. His challenge was over enthusiastic rather than malicious.

"The boys that came on did well but ideally it is better to introduce them at home. I am aware of the need to freshen the team. The group is wide open and we have to go on and assert ourselves."

As for McCann, a relative old stager of 24. Brown used him through the middle, despite his origins as a winger and the fact that Scotland were crying out for width. All three injected much needed pace into proceedings.

It is to such players, as well as to Dailly and the indisposed Jackie McNamara and Craig Burley, that Scotland must look as their men for the millennium. In the shorter term, the priority is to improve on a record of only one goal from open play in five matches.

Brown said pointedly: "Ronaldo couldn't have had a good game for us with the amount of service McCoist and [Kevin] Gallacher received."

Gary McAllister, close to a comeback with Coventry, would bring variety to their attacks, though even he might have struggled to assert his passing prowess against vigorous opponents on a pitch better suited to Sri Lankan spinners.

"There's no question we were disappointing," the manager admitted. "However, if you think it's easy hear you show a lack of respect to Lithuania, who are gaining in credibility all the time. Remember they were third behind Romania and Nine, against the nations expected in the World Cup group with 17

"Until this section settles down, we won't know whether it's a point gained His dilemma centres on whether or two lost. We didn't deserve all three but if we were a club side who'd come here and drawn, we'd be thinking 'we'll finish them off at home'."

Results from Cyprus and Iceland. not to mention Sweden, put Scotland's endeavours in a more favourable light. And, as Brown pointed out, neither the Czech Republic nor Bosnia will be confident of winning in Vilnius.

of winning in Vilnius.

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(Heart of Midiothian) for McColst, 81.
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Scottanet; Gallacher, Davidson
Attendance: 4,800.
Man of the match: Leighton.

# Beleaguered Welsh manager fights on

at Anfield

Italy '

FOR THOSE looking for an outward sign to assess Bobby Gould's position as Wales manager, the aftermath of this match was heaven sent. Within minutes of the final whistle, Anfield's fire sirens went off and the ground had to be evacuated.

Alarms bells for Gould? The Welsh supporters would think so. They were chanting "We want Bobby out" from the moment Italy got their second goal and, more morbidly, a banner portrayed him as a hanging corpse.

Gould is English and for some Welshmen that is enough, but it was results, not nationality, that provoked the reaction. It is two years since Wales won a competitive match and already, after one game in Group One of the European Championship, their prospects of qualifying for Euro 2000 are diminishing. Home defeats do not normally augur well for finishing in the top two when Denmark, Switzerland and Belarus also he in wait.

prospects seem similarly precarious, which is deeply ironic given that Wales pro-duced their finest performance on Saturday night since they lost narrowly to Germany in Cardiff in October 1995. The scoreline suggests a comfortable win for Italy, study of the play told another story.

Ryan Giggs hit the har and Nathan Blake had a header that would have been a goal if it had gone almost anywhere else. while the first Italian goal was the result of a crass and needless error by Chris Coleman. You cannot blame the coach for mistakes like that, you can only judge him on the performance and the tactics and on that Gould was almost faultless.

Giggs was given a free role up front with Blake and Mark Hughes struck an attitude in midfield, but it was Gary Speed. and Andy Johnson who were a revelation. The former looked as though the spirit of Bryan Robson had been transplanted into the anonymous figure who fills a Newcastle shirt, while it did not seem possible that this was Johnson's international

gave the Italians a bloody nose. They're third or fourth in the but there's no way you're telling me there's 100 places between them and us."

From the beginning it was clear the Italians were uncom- that was cruelly rubbished nine fortable with Blake's physical minutes later Christian Panpresence. Fabio Cannavaro ucci's pass was wholly innocumight be a 220m defender in ous as Paul Jones came to Gould's estimation but he is meet it but, inexplicably, Coleonly 5ft 8in tall and was man intercepted and then

Barnard's 10th-minute cross. The Bolton striker had no hope

#### Savage says sorry ROBBIE SAVAGE believed his international career was over Gould, said yesterday that Sav-

after being told to leave the team's hotel on Saturday morning prior to Wales's European Championship qualifier with Italy, following a row over a television interview.

The Leicester City midfielder, who was eventually allowed to participate as a substitute, burst into tears in the arms of his fiancee after being asked to leave the hotel. Savage, who had been set to start the match, said: "I was

world rankings while we're 103 of directing his effort and was unfortunate that it hit Angelo Peruzzi rather than went past That gave a hint of promise

The Welsh coach, Bobby age still has a future with

Wales. He had been angry at a "disrespectful" interview in which the player had thrown away a shirt bearing the name of the Italian defender, Paolo Maldini, and had made derogatory remarks about the Wales defenders. The player insisted the shirt

gesture was light-hearted and. not meant to be offensive. "Td like to apologise if I have caused offence to any of my fel-"I can't fault any of my gutted, I honestly felt it was the low players or Paolo Maldini," players," Gould said, "they end and I was out of the squad." he said yesterday.

On the face of it Gould's were truly committed to the brushed aside as Blake got surrendered possession to cause. We may have lost but we ahead of him to meet Darren Diego Fuser, who rolled the hall into an empty net. You could feel the hope evap-

orate in the crowd but after the initial shock Wales regrouped and were unfortunate not to equalise four minutes from half time. Blake was fouled by Mark Juliano and Gigg's chipped free-kick beat Peruzzi only for the hall to hit the bar and bounce clear.

The second half could be he replied summed up as a battle between Welsh will and Italian talent although that would neglect the match's outstanding piece of individual skill. Giggs had a fitful night, surrendering possession as often as he threatened, but his dart between Gianluca Pessotto and Juliano after 63 minutes was breathtaking. "If only he could have got a proper shot in..." Gould said, his thoughts tailing off in frustration.

The Welsh effort tailed off, too, as Roberto Baggio replaced the disappointing Alessandro Del Piero and picked up the conductor's baton. Within two minutes the Inter striker slid a pass through to Christian Vieri who lost his marker with a sharp turn and then chipped past Jones.

That was rather flattering to the Italians although Gould was irrepressible, drawing encouragement from a performance on what was a neutral ground. "The Swiss manager was here tonight and he will have gone away with something to think about," he said. "We can be very, very dangerous."

Did the crowd's reaction put pressure on the Welsh manager, "On me? No way, no way,"

The supporters might think otherwise but perhaps they ought to weigh up their coun try's resources. When Gould looked for a substitute to turn the match in the closing stages he turned to Robbie Savage; Dino Zoff could summon Roberto Baggio.

Roberto Baggio.

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Football: Stockholm setback increases pressure on England coach as Shearer expresses concern over bad publicity

# Future of Hoddle in the balance

FT WAS against Bulgaria, 19 years ago, that Glenn Hoddle began his career as an international player Next month, in another European Championship qualifier against the Bulgars, he could end his career as an international manager.

If Hoddle's entrance was spectacular a stunning volleyed goal from 20 yards announcing his talent, his exit would be just as dramatic. There is no sign that the Football Association would sack him but growing indications that, should the result go against him, he may quit.

On Saturday, in the wake of England's 2-1 defeat to Sweden in Stockholm, he walked out of a press conference when asked if he could refute speculation that he would be in-Tottenham job.

Yesterday he did so, but it was bardly a ringing declaration of intent. "Tve a contract for the next two years and there are talks around the corner about possible result. We could have a new one," he said. For a man who claims to have dreamed of we have allowed it to continue." heing England manager since he was 12 it was a low-key af-

tenham, who are thought to be more interested in George Graham, is an unlikely destination. The club is in a far worse shape players are behind the manthan England and, as Ossie Ardiles, Gerry Francis and Christian Gross found out, the

If Hoddle goes it will be to an

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to call for his departure. Equalour system, instead we have a ly it is premature for the FA to long wait which will allow all the try to extend his contract. While England still have every prospect of qualifying for the finals there are worrying signs.

The most serious is that, increasingly, it is the players, as well as the press and public, who have reservations about his judgement. Tony Adams has already expressed doubts and Alan Shearer a man who chooses his words carefully, is clearly unhappy about the manager's contribution to the recent bad publicity surround-

ing the team. Late Saturday

night he suggested it may have

contributed to the defeat. "I couldn't understand how it all went wrong during the game but I don't think all the crap that went on beforehand helped," he said. "I mean all the stuff about didn't affect me because my skin is thick, but it may have affected others. One thing is for sure, it certainly didn't help. In the circumstances this was the worst

More supportively, Shearer added: "We can expect fierce firmation of his pride in the job. criticism and we deserve it. We Should Hoddle leave, Tot- can't complain about all the things that will be said, the players have to take responsibility, too. We are a unit and the ager. We have to take things on

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"I just hope nobody presses media spotlight, being on a the panic button. It is very indaily basis, is no less intent. portant that nobody should react without thinking. It would mance was poor it is too early on Saturday and get this out of biggest one of all.

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nonsense to build up again."

The build-up to the Bulgaria game will not be helped by the controversy about Paul Ince's behaviour on Saturday and more forthcoming books by Teddy Sheringham and Eileen Drewery. There may also be problems from Tottenham, once they have sorted out their own problems, about the condition of Darren Anderton.

Anderton was injured just after Sweden went ahead and Hoddle said: "As soon as he did it we all knew on the bench there was a possibility it was a cartilage or ligament. Yet Anderton, who had a scan yesterday, was allowed to carry on for another eight minutes before coming off, time in which he could further have damaged terested in the newly-vacant books and all the publicity. It his injury. Hoddle said he wanted to try to continue, but if the injury was that obvious he should not have been allowed to.

Hoddle admitted that if Anderton failed to recover in time for next month's match with Bulgaria choosing his midfield would be "a major concern". David Beckham and Ince are suspended and David Batty, because of domestic suspension and injury, unlikely to be matchfit. There may also be further injuries before 10 October.

After Hoddle's debut goal he was dropped for England's next match, Ron Greenwood, the then-manager, declaring that "young players had to learn to live with disappointment". He has had plenty of disappointments since but now hopes overseas post. But should he be crazy to start making wrong that another meeting with Bulgo? Though Saturday's perfordecisions. I wish we could play garia will not provide the

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THE MONDAY CROSSWORD

By Portia



Paul Ince is restrained by Alan Shearer as referee Pierluigi Collina sends him off against Sweden Reuters have a responsibility to do

# Graham could be the target for Tottenham

By ALAN NIXON

GEORGE GRAHAM is believed to be the man Tottenham Hotspur want to replace Christian Gross as manager Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, is expected to make an official approach to Leeds United this

Sugar is understood to have decided that the former Arsenal manager is the man he wants, although he would have to agree a compensation package with Leeds.

Graham denied last week that he was interested in becoming Sugar's third appointment at Spurs, but it is thought that the former Arsenal manager would welcome a return to the capital, despite his achievement in taking Leeds into Eurooe this season.

Leeds have a limited transfer

promise Graham, then the deal brough's unsettled Paul Mercould go ahead. Tottenham son Aston Villa have already Ian Wright and Alan Shearer would probably have to offer a made a move for the Middleshuge salary, perhaps as much as brough forward, but the lure of fim a year Leeds are sure to

want a similar sum to let him go. The arrival of Graham would put a question mark over the future of David Pleat, Tottenham's director of football, who favoured the Yugoslav coach, Raddy Antic, who until earlier this year was in charge of Atletico Madrid, Antic had even approached a player in antici-

pation of joining Spurs.

Any misgivings Sugar might have over the "bungs" scandal that cost Graham the Arsenal job could be outweighed by the Scot's reputation as an organiser and disciplinarian.

One of Graham's first tasks at Tottenham would be major signings. The London club are already believed to be contembudget and if Sugar has cash to plating a £6m bid for Middles-

London would be greater still.

Middlesbrough are due to talk to Merson about his plans today, but that could be overtaken if Tottenham make a move.

Sugar, meanwhile, yesterday explained the reasoning behind his decision to sack Gross. We were faced with an untenable situation created, with all due respect, by the media," he said. "The board felt that Christian, no matter how professional or how good he is, had been destroyed." Gross said that he did not

consider he had been a failure and :added: "I think three games of this season was not long enough to judge me.".

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# Ince faces wrath of FA

PAUL INCE may be banned from competitive internationals for six months after being sentoff against Sweden in Stockholm on Saturday, writes Glenn Moore.

Ince will automatically be suspended from England's next match, the European Championship qualifier against Bulgaria on 10 October; but could face further disciplinary action from both the Football Association and Uefa, Europe's governing body.

After being dismissed for a second bookable offence Ince tried to have words with Henrik Larsson, the victim of his foul, then verbally abused the referee Pierluigi Collina. He was ushered away by teammates but still had time to flick a V-sign in the direction of the England bench and Swedish supporters behind it before disappearing down the tunnel.

It was the 30-year-old former England captain's first sending off, but 12th and 13th bookings, in his 44-match international career. He became the sixth England player to be dismissed in 126 years - and the second in as many matches.

The FA intends to wait to see if Collina, or the match observer, mention Ince's behavlour in their reports to Uefa before commenting, but there is already a groundswell of opinion in favour of taking action independent of Uefa.

Peter Willis, the influential president of the Referees' Association, speaking in a per-sonal capacity, said: "I was saddened and even angered at his reaction. It was not one of disappointment, nor of contrition or sadness, but of belligerence. It was not right or proper for a man of his position. As a professional footballer he has a responsibility. The governing bodies, such as the FA. something about it."

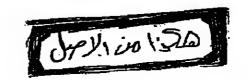
David Davies, the FA's Director of Public Affairs, said yesterday: "Glenn was not aware of any gesture being made when we returned but will, as always, be studying the video. He is then likely to wait for the Uefa reports before deciding what to do, if anything."

when involved in domestic disciplinary controversy, Hoddle's natural inclination would be to support his player. However, some FA councillors may take a different view and the matter is likely to be raised at the next meeting of the International Committee, in a fortnight's time, if not before.

There is a way for the FA to take the moral high ground without hampering England's European Championship chances. After playing Bulgaria England travel to Luxembourg for a tie they ought to be able to win without Ince. Then there is a November friendly against Yugoslavia with the prospect of a further non-competitive match before the qualifying campaign resumes in March.

The FA could thus announce it was suspending Ince for an additional international match on top of, and regardless of, any Uefa action without seriously affecting England's chances. This may also pre-empt further Uefa





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# Bad aura? Blocked energy? You've come to the right man

Byfleet, Surrey - a small, neat, town with a barn-effect Waitrose and endless post-war "cottages" with tidy conifered gardens and bags of Daily Telegraphs put out at the gate for the recycling man, and names like "Little Garth" and "Single Oak". It seems very Wendy Craig country, if you know what I mean. Anyway, Jack's clinic comes just after the cottages peter out. It is a rather out-of-place, breeze-block bungalow thingy set in the middle of a hig field, next to his "Neolithic stone circle" imported from Wales.

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> I go in and meet his receptionist whose name, I'm airaid, I never discover. "Vertigo," she says when she first introduces herself. Good film, I say, not quite knowing what else to say. "No, no. I had vertigo. Terrible vertigo. I couldn't walk this time last year. I still can't walk far but I can bike in to town. And it's all thanks to Jack!"

> Jack Temple. Healer. Famous healer, even, whose patients have included the Duchess of York, Cherie Blair, Jerry Hall and, yes, Diana, Princess of Wales. Out he bounds from his consulting room. He has white hair and a ruddy complexion. Certainly he looks fit and seems to have terrific energy for someone who has not only reached 81 in this life, but has had, he later reveals, 120 previous lives and can trace his origins back 97,000 years.

Yes, he is in excellent shape, he confirms. "I measure myself against 45-year-olds." And? "I'm measuring up pretty good. Look." He touches his toes which, yes, is rather daunting considering I am less than half his age and can't do up my own shoelaces without feeling faint. Jack says he should, by rights, have a weak heart. Weak hearts run in his family. Three of his brothers died young of weak hearts. "But I was able to dowse back four generations and locate the cause of the problem; toxins entering our forebears' systems though a crude black clothing dye that was commonly used in the nineteenth century." He devised a remedy consisting of "the distilled essence of 21 flowers dowsed for on the Isle of Skye". Alas, this was all too late for his brothers, but "I now have the heart of a 20-year-old!" He expects to live to 140. Truly?"Yes. YES!"

Jack is a dowsing healer, yes. This means he goes about with a pendulum, divining which parts of our bodies are letting us down, which parts of our "magnetic field" are "weak" and then, using the pendu-

o, to Jack Temple's clinic in West hum again, he will dowse for the most effective remedy. Fergie came to him suffering from "energy blockages". Cherie had swollen legs. With Jerry Hall it was back pain. With Diana, it was lead poisoning. Lead poisoning? "Yes, I dowsed it from watching her on television. I could tell by the way she held her head. I told her sister-in-law, Sarah, then about a week later I had a call from Diana asking for an appointment. She wanted to see me, she said, because my diagnosis of lead poisoning was 100 per cent correct. As a schoolgirl, she had pierced her right cheek with a sharp lead pencil and the point had broken off in to her face." Using his special "lead extracting treatment" he was, he says, able to "pull out the poison" and help her hold her head up properly again. He then later gave her a crystal, an amethyst, to "help her mentally and physically" but not, it transpired, in the event of a car crash in a tunnel in France. Perhaps you need opals for that.

He leads me into his consulting room, which is furnished from floor to ceiling with shelves of small bottles intriguingly labelled "sweet fleg", "monkey sticks" and "banana stem". He travels extensive ly, collecting these remedies. He will say to his pendulum: "I need remedies for brain fatigue. Should I go to Goa?" If the pendulum swings and whirls energetically, "then I know I must". Over the years, his pendulum has taken him to Goa and Nepal and Malaysia and the south of France and Israel but never, as far as I can make out, to Slough or Ikea on a bank holiday Monday, which is handy. Anyway, I'm dying to have a look at his pendulum. Can I have a look Jack?"Sure," he says.

Jack says you can use anything as a pendulum. A ring on a piece of string will do. His, though, is a little glass bauble thing on the end of a silver chain. I suspend it first from my right hand, then from my left, where it gives a little whirl. "Negative in the right! Positive in the left! You're a natural dowser," exclaims Jack excitedly. Jack, I say, I don't want to put a damper on things, but are you sure you don't mean natural dozer? I am certainly that. I once, I continue, even momentarily dozed off during a hot air balloon ride. I know this because I dropped my camera and killed a sheep in the field below. "No, no," insists Jack. "You are definitely a dowser!" Well, that is terrific, I say. Can I dowse this week's winning lottery numbers then? No, he replies, I can not. "There are some things you can not ask a penduhum. I can't thank God for what I am doing. I asked the pendulum: "Can I thank God for what I am lar lam even of thinking of introducing my own ther-



DEBORAH ROSS INTERVIEW

If you lead a fantasy life, you might need a fantasy doctor. Cherie Booth, Fergie and Princess Diana have all consulted the doyen of dowsing

doing?" and it said "no". I can't dabble in the spirit world, either. And I won't do anything for personal gain, unless it has something to do with health. I think Jack is a good man. He isn't a fake. He isn't a charlatan. I'm pretty certain he is genuine in the sense that he believes in what he does. I'm pretty certain, too, that his celebrity clients believe in him. Possibly, if you lead a fantasy life, you need a fantasy doctor. However, I'm not especially convinced, just as I'm not especially convinced by most New Age stuff, Indeed, what with homeopathy and osteopathy and what not all now proving so popu-

apy – up-the-gardenopathy – in which I charge an awful lot of money for cheerfully taking people to nowhere in particular. Certainly Jack, who has no medical qualifications and used to "scratch a living" as a market gardener, is doing very nicely. He sees 50 patients a week. He charges £40 per consultation then charges on top for remedies. I'd read he has an annual turnover of £150,000 a year. True? "I do very nicely," he confirms.

He has just brought out his first book, The Healer (Element, £7.99). And it is full of superb tosh. For example, ill health might be caused by aura defects. We each, he claims, inherit many scores of auras. Some come from the past, some come from the future, some even come "from other planets". He says, in his book, that he can assess a person's aura in 30 seconds. Can you asses my aura, Jack? "Yes," says Jack. He does a bit of muttering and pendulum swinging. Then it's: "You have about five aura defects, including one inherited from someone who died - aged 10 - 6,780 years ago. It's affecting your lymphatic system and your absorption of iron." I've always suspected as much, I say. But is it treatable? Oh yes, he says. He could treat it if I wanted him to. I am a highly treatable case, he says. "I can tell you have a lot of internal healing power."

Some of his patients do not have such excellent internal healing powers. In these instances, they have to have their powers shaken up in his special "vibrating chair". I later get to have a go on his special vibrating chair. It's a lovely, big black leather thing that, yes, is very vibrating and relaxing. "This is blissful," I say All I need now is a facial. Do you do facials, Jack? "No." Manicures? "No." Leg waxing. "NO!" Jack, do you think I've inherited an aura from Joan Collins? "POSSIBLY! YES!"

Jack Temple was born Jack Templiski in the East End of London in 1917. The fourth of six boys, his move." He went home and told Blanche. Blanche father, Joseph, was a Polish Jewish tailor. Jack was, in fact, a sickly child. First rickets, then various stornach and bowel disorders. He now knows why. "My father was wounded in the leg by Japanese fighters when they invaded Port Arthur, in Manchuria, in 1905. That bullet caused my father great pain and I inherited a subsequent blockage which in turn caused distress in many internal organs."

When the Second World War broke out, he longed to join the Royal Navy but was so weedy he was rejected by seven doctors. Desperate to serve his country, he decided to join Britain's second line of defence – food production for its people and forces.

but slept well and felt healthy for the first time ever. Consequently, he became interested in agriculture and diet and nutrition and then organic farming. Jack always dowses his way round Waitrose. He will ask his pendulum "is this food good for me?" and if it is, the pendulum will whirl. What do they make of you in Waitrose, Jack? "Everyone follows me around, and buys what I buy!" However, it is not just unnatural foodstuffs that

can poison us. So too can nylon tights, soaps, tampons, hair dyes, microwave cookers, vaccinations and, most evil of all, the bottle feeding of babies. But I was bottle fed, I cry. "In that case," he sighs, "you are disconnected from your birth sign." Which means? "What birth sign are you?" Leo. "Okay," he says. He starts swinging his pendulum and mum-bling "98, 97, 96... 84, 83, 82..." under his breath until, finally, he concludes, "you are living in 70 per cent darkness. Part of your body is not functioning correctly. It's a problem in your middle liver lobe. You are not properly absorbing Vitamins A or D. Can you see at night?" Yes. "Do your eyeballs flicker a lot?" No. Do you ever feel cold at your extremities? "Oh, all right," I say, not because I do, but because I feel I'm disappointing him somehow. "See! See!" he exclaims happily. He eventually became a full-time organic mar-

ket gardener, and would still be that now if, 25 years ago, he had not decided to exhibit his organic cultivation products at the first Mind and Body Festival in London. Here, while wandering about, he saw someone dowsing. He decided to have a go "and the pendulum whirled and swirled like a dervish when I picked it up. although I made no effort to make it was not well at that point. "She'd had a bout of had hick. She'd been struck by lightning." Struck by lightning? "Yes. In a field near Bath. It was a lovely day, hut then this cloud came from nowhere. Blanche was picked up and thrown to the ground. Her nerves withered and she couldn't even walk up stairs anymore." When he told Blanche about picking up that pendulum, she immediately dispatched him back to the festival to purchase one. He then dowsed and treated her with plant-based remedies. "She responded to them, and after years of being virtually bed ridden, was able to move, work, function and Continued on page 8

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We read how Tony Blair is having difficulty in deciding how far to go on PR ("Blair delays PR until next parliament", 4 September) and how William Hague is determined to fight all-out to retain first-past-the-post in order to preserve the possibility of gaining total control from time to time.

Both Tories and Labour are desperate to ensure that any change results in advantage for their party, without concern for the electorate or the health of democracy, without searching for ways to overcome the general alienation of the people from politicians and the process of

Is it beyond hope that Lord Jenkins will propose a system which discounts party power and party advantage and is devised solely for the health of our democracy? Are we all going to lie supine while the party politicians decide which option suits their interests best and can therefore be put to the people in a referendum to give an illusion of choice? AD HOADLEY Eastbourne, East Sussex

Sir: The Liberal party political broadcast on 3 September had the opposite effect to that intended. I had been rather persuaded of the logic of proportional representation. However, the image of being perpetually governed by a consortium of parties brought home to me how easily we could all suffer the tyranny of the majority.

Like most people I belong to a minority or two. In my case, I enjoy fox hunting and riding powerful motorcycles. The good thing about power being vested in a single party for a parliamentary term is that that party loves the experience of power and is loath to lose it. For this reason, upsetting vociferous minorities does not make sense.

Take the issue of fox-hunting. The majority, if pressed, are agin it but don't actually care very much. A large minority care very much. Consequence: no electoral advantage and the death of the

Consortium rule means that it is very hard to pin blame and to wreak revenge as occurred on 1 May 1997. Single-party rule, by any party, is much more likely to be sensitive to the wishes of all the electorate. GEOFF STOVOLD Blackham, East Susser

#### Class of '97

Sir: Concern is being expressed that the new intake of MPs haven't done long night shifts in the cold. I agree with Joe Ashton MP that we need representatives who are in touch with "working-class people" through their own working life experience ("Unions press for MPs from working class", 2 September).

As nurses prior to the election, Laura Moffatt (MP for Crawley) and I have many years of experience of 12-hour night shifts. working in stressful conditions when people's lives depend on your knowledge and abilities. Brute hard work is not just the preserve of traditionally "male" blue-collar workers. Nursing is hard labour (the tough side of new Labour?), and many nurses, like myself, suffer from permanent problems like back injuries.

Nursing also drives home the significance of public policy when confronted with the adverse effects that low incomes and poor housing can have on people's health. As a nurse I spent much time nursing the casualties of mean-minded politics - so much so that I sought election as a Labour candidate to hring about the preventative treatment of policy

MPs need to be representatives of the broad spectrum of life experiences. So whilst nursing may be a profession, it is also

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In the first of a new series on the Portuguese fishery, a lone fisherman stretches out a trawler's nets

Run Xavier

he bids low and his opponent

decorators are clever, they will

therefore both bid low and so both

the businessman tosses a coin to

decide who wins when the bids are

equal, logic still requires that both

decorators bid low. The story then

competition is good for consumers. KEN BINMORE

Sir: It is vital to remember that the

child pornography which is being

"censored" on the Internet ("Make

September) is actually the record

of crimes being committed. These

if there were no photographs,

that what is being shown is

crimes, which would still be crimes

should be pursued as vigorously as

With "ordinary" pornography,

the situation is different. Provided

consensual heterosexual sex the

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actual actions are not illegal in any

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showing them to people who do not

has something important to say

about the real world, namely:

Defining porn

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London WC1

important to remember that being a nurse is a vocation of hands-on tough work, and there are now two of them serving as representatives Consumers in the UK have a

in Parliament ANN KEEN RN MP (Brentford and Isleworth, Lab) House of Commons London SW1

Sir: Joe Ashton MP appears to have a simplistic view of our society and its class structure and I would love to know which class be thinks I belong to.

I was brought up on a council estate but I went to grammar school. I like football (and used to play it) but have a BSc. I am studying part-time for a PhD but enjoy beer and darts when I can. standard tipple, I am quite partial to a bottle of Rigia.

Where does all of this leave me? It leaves me in the same place as the vast majority of people in this country: if I don't work, I don't eat and neither does my family. A brain surgeon is no different from a bricklayer in this respect and both are therefore working class.

To consider class anything other than a purely economic concept is to indulge in that ubiquitous British vice - snobbery. GJCOWBURN Sunderland, Tyne and Wear

#### Save the forests

Sir: Your report about endangered tree species (26 August) mentioned the problem of illegal logging but not the efforts being made to improve forest management and the efforts of the UK timber trade to ensure that imported timber comes from legal and well managed sources.

Tropical timber producers are committed to introducing sustainable forest management systems by 2000. The UK timber trade promotes an environmental timber purchasing policy, signed

by about 100 companies, which requires signatories to seek documentary evidence of legal and well managed forest sources.

choice. They can boycott tropical timbers. This will decrease the economic value of the timber industry in those countries and their ability to invest in improved forest management and replanting. The forest will have less economic value and the incentive to clear for farming increases. Alternatively, they can continue to purchase these timbers and use their economic influence to introduce improved forest practices. This may well take five to ten years of gradual improvement.

has no problem with forest owners choosing to pursue Forest Stewardship Council certification. We welcome any realistic initiative which belps build consumer confidence in timber. However, the FSC-certified timber available is but a tiny fraction of the UK's annual requirement

What are consumers to do? Wait until sufficient FSC certified material becomes available? Hardly a practical proposition. Or

Sir. The large minority of

gay males will have found

Independent readers who are

Trevor Phillips' disparaging

("Love's been free for ages.

31 August) untrue and

stand up and be seen.

Cookham, Berkshire

JAMES AIDAN

Now it's a public free-for-all",

discriminatory. It's high time

for the penises of the world to

Sir. Oliver Bennett ("Trritations

of Modern Life", 2 September)

takes the wrong approach to

remarks about the penis in his

do they turn away from timber, concerned by articles in The Independent and other newspapers, and choose alternatives - a PVC door, an aluminium window - which will

have a far more damaging

environmental impact than wood? The Timber Trade Federation's environmental timber purchasing policy is a practical way of making progress with timber producers who, in tropical regions, often operate undervery difficult technical and social conditions. They deserve support, not condemnation, for the efforts they are making. **PGHARRIS** Director General The Timber Trade Federation

#### A new paradox?

Sir: Gilbert Adair's paradox ("When pure logic is plain absurd", 5 September) is similar to "The Unexpected Hanging" A man is sentenced to be

hanged within the next seven days, but is told by the judge that the day of his execution will come as a surprise. He reasons that be cannot be hanged on the seventh

day, because if be lives through the first six days then he will not be surprised to die on the seventh.

the logical slide begins and be rules out execution on the sixth day by the same reasoning. He can then work through the entire week and comes to the conclusion that he cannot be hanged during that week and be surprised as the judge

well known to economists as a

Simplifying Adair's story, imagine two decorators competing for a contract to decorate a businessman's office. They can each make one of two prespecified hids. If the hids are different, the businessman accepts whichever is lower. If they are the same, be takes his business elsewhere. Logic tells a decorator that be will always end up with nothing if he bids high, whatever his rival may bid, but he might get something if

#### IN BRIEF

the question of small stickers on fruit. Surely it would be article on youth holiday culture better if we were to insist of shops offering this service that all fruit be given this branding opportunity, especially raspberries. I shall myself in future demand a substantial discount if I am offered unlabelled blackcurrants. Dr HARRY YOXALL Taunton, Somerset

> Sir: How appropriate that Hamish McRae's polemic "The

Having ruled out the last day,

had said.

He is executed on the seventh day and he is, of course, surprised. DAVID STANSFIELD London E3

Sir: Gilbert Adair asks whether he has discovered a new paradox. His version is nice, but the paradox is

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Lumpur, symbols of Malaysia's

capitalist boom, seen through a

pall of pollution-induced smog!

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and the destruction of tropical

contribute to rising pollution.

September) should be

the twin towers in Kuala

Two consequences of the

rainforests, both of which

Department of Materials

Science and Engineering,

DAVID PACKHAM

University of Bath

want to see them is certainly not a Pictures and films of explicit sex should be judged by asking, "What would I think if I had been told that these actions had taken place?" If I were to be told that a couple had gone to a room down the corridor from my hotel room, taken off their clothes and copulated, I am sure

Pictures of women being raped or beaten are in the same category as the child pornography: they are evidence of a crime, and the criminals should be prosecuted. DAVID H WILD Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

that my reaction would be "So

what? People do."

#### Measles vaccine

Sir. The letter from Dr Sarah MacDermott regarding the MMR vaccine and parents not having their children immunised (3 September) displayed the kind of patronising attitude that is partly

to blame for the problem. I am the father of nn eight week. old baby and I can assure her that my wife and I are only too aware that we are responsible for her health, not my GP. It is offensive to label us pejoratively as "the chattering classes" and to assume that we are incapable of judging the merits of newspaper articles. It may be that only one of the authors of the relevant article in The Lancet suggested separate vaccines, hut it was only one doctor who blew the whistle on the Bristol surgeons, only one scientist who insisted that BSE

was a problem.

My mother and father were told that it would improve their health to have all their teeth out. Shoe shops were advised that x-ray machines were harmless. More recently Gulf war soldiers had no reason to be concerned about multiple vaccinations.

Did they have the full information? JEFREY C G PIREY Landon N22

#### Churchill and pits

Sir: Tony Heath (letter. 2 September), suggests that I offered an inaccurate account of the Rhondda troubles of 1910. My purpose was to make clear that Churchill first deployed the police, not armed with guns, in an attempt to restore order and that this was preferable to the immediate deployment of troops.

This was recognised at the time as a courageous and bumane decision. The leading article in the Manchester Guardian of 10 November 1910 said: "Mr Churchill was violently attacked in yesterday's Times for a decision which in all probability saved many lives. It needed some courage after the Chief Constable had asked for troops, to stop the troops which were on their way and to send policemen instead, But, as usual the brave decision was the wise one.... One can imagine what would have happened if the soldiers instead of the policemen had come upon the rioters while they were pillaging. Bayonets would have been used instead of truncheons ... and instead of a score of cases for the hospital there might have been as many for the mortuary." DSHOSKINS Edinburgh

#### Unfair to shellfish

Sir: After reading Julie Roxburgh's letter ("Shellfish abuse", 3 September) I was filled with shameand remorse at the memory of childhood shrimping expeditions followed by, I regret to say, shrimp

In future, ignorance and thoughtlessness will be no excuse. Could Ms Roxburgh please suggest. burnane ways of killing shrimps or indeed oysters and mussels? DMANNET Malvern, Worcestershire

Sir: We were heartened to see the space given on your letters page to our co-campaigners in the Shellfish Network (3 September). Despite the admitted lowly position of shellfish in the league-table of public sympathy, we at the recently launched Housefly, Parasitic and Biting Insect Support Group

believe our constituency to be

lower still. Nonetheless, it might interest your readers to hear that we, too. will shortly be launching a Europewide campaign to outlaw the use of the unlicensed fly swat and remove barbaric fly-paper from sale, along with neurotoxin-laced sprays and lotions employed in the mass murder of innocent flies, wasps, fleas and parasites, both human and animal DAVID STOOKER

Lancaster

# To seek out new life and new civilisations, to boldly go...

MONDAYS ARE different, now. Mondays will never be the same again. That is because Melvyn Bragg will never start the week again. Never again will he lead some of the world's leading lecturers, writers and geneticists through a graceful Monday morning parley Never again will we hear nim receive a science education in front of our very ears. For so long did Melvyn Bragg start the week, that it seems impossible that he is not still doing it in some alternative

Bragg: Hello, and welcome to another space/time continuum, in which I, Melvyn Bragg, am still starting the week. Here to discuss whether this is actually possible is Dr Peter Chuzzlewit, whose new hook on time is called Due Out

time/space continuum...

Soon, Lisa Kincardine, who is giving a lecture this Wednesday on Re-

naissance man.. Kincardine: Last Wednesday, Bragg: Sorry about that, who was giving a lecture last Wednesday on Renaissance Mon ance Man, Jonathan Miller, who isn't here yet, and Professor Steve Jones, who is always here. Professor Chuzzlewit? Chuzzlewit: Yes?

Bragg: Is it actually possible? Chuzzlewit: Is what possible? Bragg: Is it possible that, because a programme like Start the Week has been going on for so long, that even when the BBC decide to change it and dumb it down, it still pursues an independent existence in some other world? Chuzzlewit: No. Bragg: It's not possible?

Chuzzlewit: No, certainly not.

Bragg: So this conversation is not actually happening at all?

Bragg: Fascinating. Chuzzlewit: I mean, if you were to suppose that the Melvyn Bragg Stort the Week were going on in an alternative time/space continuum, you might also suppose that your predecessor, Richard Baker, was also continuing somewhere else with his version of Start the Week. Bragg: Couldn't that be so too? Chuzzlewit: No. The idea is too horrible to contemplate.

Bragg: So tell us about your book. It's about time, isn't it? Chuzzlewit: About time for what? Bragg: Leave the jokes to me. Chuzzlewit: Well, the idea hehind the book is that books about time make a lot of money so it was time to write another one.



**MILES KINGTON** 

I have never been in an alternative space/time continuum before - I don't really know the ropes'

Bragg: Lisa Kincardine, do you want to come in here? Kincardine: Frankly, my chief worry is whether I can get out. I Miller: Oh. Righty ho. [He leaves have got an appointment in the real world at 11am. I have never been in an alternative space/time continuum before, so I don't really know the ropes. For instance, Melvyn, have you still got a peerage in this universe? Bragg: I should jolly well hope so.

In the real world I always insist that people should behave as if I wasn't a peer and was quite ordinary and I would like to do the same here. If I haven't got a title, I can't. Kincardine: Of course, it's quite possible for people to have a hile and for nobody to know about it. Jonathan Porritt, for example. Bragg: Has he? I had no idea... Jonathan Miller: [opening door] Sorry I'm late. Did I hear someone say the word "cognitive"?

again.l Bragg: So, Lisa Kincardine, you've

written a book on the subject of Renaissance man? Kincardine: No, but I did give a lecture on the subject last Wednesday. Bragg: Oh, right. And what did you

Kincardine: I can't remember. Bragg: You're joking! Kincardine: Yes, I'm joking. What I said was that our conception of Renaissance man has no real connection with the real Renaissance

Bragg: In what way? Kincardine: The real Renaissance was a rebirth. It was the rediscovery of old knowledge. But what we mean by Renaissance man is simply someone who knows a lot about a lot of things. A sort of super quiz

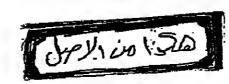
contestant. This shift of meaning reflects rather badly on our TV age. Bragg: Of course, it's quite possible that the Renaissance is still happening in some other space/time continuum. Or that it hasn't even started yet!

Chuzzlewit: No, it's not. Bragg: Steve Jones, do you think there is a gene which allows us to exist simultaneously in different universes?

Jones: I don't know! I just want to get out of here and back to the real

Jonathan Miller: [reappearing] Ah, but it rather depends what you mean by "real". doesn't it? Perhaps this is the real world, and...

This programme is continuing for ever and for ever, but not in this



Bragg: No.

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#### Blair must stop Murdoch taking over our national sport

THERE CAN be no question that Rupert Murdoch's attempt to buy Manchester United should be stopped, but it is important to be clear about why.

The Government cannot step in to block it simply because it would increase the rampant commercialism which is changing the face of football. Man Utd Inc would be an even more exploitative business than Man Utd FC, even more hell-bent on fleecing genuine fans and charging outrageous prices for children's shirts.

But these are prices that people are prepared to pay, and it is a tribute to football's success that one club can be worth £500m. The recent strength of English football owes a great deal, too, to the money brought into it by BSkyB. The fact is that sport is big business, and we should welcome it being run efficiently, even as we sigh with nostalgia for the days of the terraces.

But if this deal went ahead, it would be disastrous for the sport. One only has to look across the Atlantic at our game's unrecognisable cousin, which kicked off its season yesterday, to realise how full-blooded commercialism and television can change the nature of a game.

The argument against Mr Murdoch buying Manchester United cannot in the end be one of sentiment but one of economics. The point about sport, and especially a sport like football which is played all over the country by people of all ages and abilities, is that it generates loyalties which can be turned into a source of profit. There has always been a tension between club owners and fans, but this deal goes beyond a single club. Mr Murdoch does not want to buy Manchester United in the hope that it will compete with and beat other teams on a level playing field. He wants exclusive control of the television rights to the top games in Europe - which is almost as much a natural monopoly as a network of gas pipelines.

Tony Banks, the sports minister, has already rung the Government's alarm bells. And even if Mr Murdoch pretends that he has always been a particular fan of the club that gave us Charlton, Best and Cantona, we should not believe his promise that everyone would still be able to watch their successors. As for the idea that he would like to put a European super-league on payper-view television, Mr Murdoch wears an unconvincing look of wounded innocence. He has made promises before and broken them. Long ago he guaranteed the editorial independence of The Times and Sunday Times, a promise which was a dead letter within weeks.



Sky Television's takeover of BSkyB saw similar promises swept aside. Since then he has used sport as a lever to gain market share, making and breaking promises of open access all along.

Mr Murdoch's aim is to build a monopoly of televised football at the top level, not just in Britain but across Europe. As with his effective purchase of the entire sport of Rugby League, which he turned from a winter to a summer game, this would give him huge power over the lower levels of the sport. A Government genuinely committed not to football but to a dynamic and

competitive market economy must act aggressively and pre-emptively to stymie the inherent tendency of big business to monopoly. This is a real test of Mr Blair's young government, already on the cusp of being permanently marked with the word "cronyism". The Prime Minister allowed himself to be seen as Mr Murdoch's sales rep in that famous phone call from the Itallan prime minister. What happened to all that brave pre-election talk about standing up to vested interests? He must stand up for the national interest and stop this deal going ahead.

#### The unpopular thing is not always right

THERE MUST be no return to the Seventies: that has been the mantra of Labour Party modernisation. We can have bell-bottoms and disco, but we cannot have the National Executive of the people's party turned into a citadel occupied by those determined to accuse the Labour Government of betrayal.

This is all very sensible, but Labour's image managers make a mistake if they rely purely on institutional fixes for political problems. The conditions that produced Tony Benn's ascendancy do not exist today. although there are a surprising number of unreconstructed Bennites standing for election to the National Executive this year. What matters is that they do not declare their fundamentalist views openly, because they know they would not win the votes of the mass of party members if they did - one-member, onevote democracy has made the difference.

However, the grass-roots members of the party are not all Blair clones, eager to express their support for the choices made by the present Government. As we report today, the party's new consultative mechanisms have thrown up the same sort of doubts about their party's record that might have been sent to Blackpool in old-fashioned conference resolutions. Members are unhappy about student fees, education action zones (which they see as backdoor privatisation), public sector pay and a foreign policy which seems to put closeness to President Clinton above ethics.

What is striking about this list, though, is how far removed it is from the lunacies of the far left. They are, indeed, all issues on which this newspaper has sounded a cautionary note.

Tony Blair would be making a historic mistake if he sought to stifle these concerns, or if he attributed them to the remnants of Seventies structures in Labour's constitution. He would be falling into the same sort of trap as Margaret Thatcher, who seemed to believe: "It's unpopular, therefore it's right." In fact, she seemed to think: "The more unpopular it is, the more right it is." Her disdain was reserved for public opinion, whereas Mr Blair distrusts opinion in his own party. It is true that his internal reforms seem to have run out of steam. But he should have the confidence to recognise that his changes have been more successful than expected in making Labour more representative of public opinion.

Too much of what passes for consultation in Mr Blair's new model party is a sham designed to soothe irritations after the event. He should not treat the views of his troops so lightly - he may need them one day.

# New Labour's German cousins use their tricks, but without their finesse

IT IS so relaxing to visit Germany just before an election. They have not undergone the ruthless streamlining of a British election campaign, so you can still see the joins and watch senior politicians trip over loose wires their colleagues have thoughtlessly or deliberately left lying around.

The ambitious defence minister Volker Rühe has just given an interview which implies - as many already suspect - that Wolfgang Schäuble, the chancellor's wheelchair-bound crown prince, expects to succeed Helmut Kohl before the end of the next term. A very cross Helmut insisted he was "running as chancellor for the entire term. Full stop. End of story". Herr Schäuble added that Herr Rühe's intervention had been "bullshit".

This is an election campaign in

which the spin doctors are mere first aid crews and the politicians still permit themselves to create muddle and misunderstanding without resorting to go-betweens to do it for them. Devoid of ruthless enforcement of a single message from the centre, the candidates run wild: my colleague Ken Livingstone would be in seventh heaven. Unlike Britain, no one thinks this is odd or reprehensible. Germany's pre-1871 division in to small, loosely connected territories and more recently into federal Lander, creates a mentality healthily resistant to centralisation.

In the east, Social Democrats campaign on the fond memory of Willy Brandt and his understanding of the east. Gerhard Schröder, the candidate for the chancellorship, is barely mentioned. His dry, Western manner and pragmatism produce scant personal following there.

Meanwhile, in west Berlin's Charlottenburg, a thoroughly bourgeois district full of lawyers and dentists, Chancellor Kohl's party poster reads, "Christian and Democratic, not godless and Marxist". The confrontational language is a bizarre hark-back to the ideological brutality of Konrad Adenauer's long years in power after the war.

Present choices are far less stark. Softened by decades of coalitions and an attachment to consensus reinforced by fear of the political fragmentation and blood-letting which allowed the rise of Hitler, modern Germany repels debate about the essential quandries of modern democracies. The recognition among both Christian and Social Democrats that state spending is too high to be sustainable and absurdly inefficient in many areas is not translated in to promises to do

something about it. Neither party is really sure that the electorate wants change. Herr Kohl presents himself on posters with the bland self-endorsement, "world-class chancellor", a reference borrowed from adverts for Mercedes-Benz, the most widely accepted guarantee of quality and admiration. After 16 years and a term in office, marked by failure to push through tax and other long-delayed reforms, the CDU is not the smooth ride it used to be.

The parallel with the last British election has been inevitable: a party grown tired in power challenged by a fresh face prepared to dispense with the more restrictive pieties of his own party. Around Herr Schröder cohere prominent figures of the 1968 unheavals who did not succumb to the hmacies of terrorism or end up as



#### ANNE MCELVOY

Early comparisons with Blair, pursued by Schröder himself, are turning out to be something of a burden

muesli-crunching malcontents talking endlessly about the need for grassroots afternatives.

As in Blair's Britain, an ambitious, long-thwarted tribe can glimpse power But while Blair, for all his superstitious caution about the 1997 election was always pretty confident about winning it, the German Social Democrats cannot be so sure of their fate in three weeks' time. A PR system leaves inordinate power with small parties. This election is something of a lucky dip. Whether Schröder can form his desired coalition with the Greens may depend solely on whether the east German Communists make it in to parliament.

Chancellor Kohl is much stronger than Major in his own party and has not had the uncomfortable role of matricide to contend with - an element which complicated John Major's post-Thatcher leadership from the start. Unlike Major, whose poll ratings remained flat as a pancake throughout

a hopeless Tory campaign, Kohl's is recovering steadily, if probably not fast compli without ever saying that he enough to guarantee anything better wanted it in the first place - which he than a grand coalition - in which case did not

he would quit Schröder meanwhile, is less sovof the party that Blair risked with the Labour Party over Clause Four. That leaves him open to the accusation that he is simply an opportunist, with no great crusade before or in

front of him. Debating with his rival, Kohl has than the overblown and uncritical encomplained, is like "nailing a pudding thusiasm of "EMU at any price" to the wall". Vagueness is Schröder's guiding principle; no sooner have you listened to one of his speeches than you feel, like a Chinese meal, that it is time for another.

The SPD has borrowed New Labour's pledge card and even the old trick of promising to reduce youth unemployment by 100,000 - which should hardly be difficult, given that Germany is emerging from recession. Otherwise the challenger's real message is "change without alteration".

Early comparisons with Blair, assiduously pursued by Schröder himself, are turning out to be something of a burden: as wearisome as being measured beside a flawless cousin, whose own shortcomings are too distant for German voters to perceive. Most importantly for Blair's own fu-

ture calculations, Schröder's reservations about the single currency have given way to an endorsement of the Euro -but one which is less heartfelt and more prosaic about the weakness of the project than the present political leaders.

He describes the Euro as a fait ac-

While Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, unguardedly anereign than Tony Blair. The SPD ac- nounces that "the Euro speaks cepted him grudgingly as leader German" - a quote which will not have without the kind of fight for the soul gone unresented in France - Schröder gove unresented in France - Schröder hedges around his backing for EMU with talk of "further exertions" and difficulties. So if the single currency does have a storm-tossed early period, Schröder's approach will be more managerial and less philosophical evinced of Kohl and Waigel

The centre of gravity of the European debate would move towards the continued viability of the continent's united economic future and away from the commitment to political union which was Kohl and François Mitterand's original reason for pursuing a swift single currency.

The consequences of this switch in emphasis will be welcome to people like me who dislike the forced and opaque manner in which the EU has pursued deeper integration.

It will expose the Euro to the same judgmental criteria as any other economic and monetary project - a development which will test more rigorously New Labour's arguments on what should constitute sufficient reason for joining.

There will also be fewer excuses, greater anger and a markedly decreased German readiness to carry the costs if the project goes wrong. A Chancellor Schröder has no intention of being the fall guy for ex-Chancellor Kohl's European dream.

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#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

The game has already moved away from the true fans and this type of thing just dilutes the passion even more." Tommy Docherty. former Manchester United manager. on the Murdoch buy-out

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There is always a limit to self-indulgence. but none to self-restraint." Mahaima Gandhi



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process of increasingly positive American involvement in the Northern Ireland crisis. There have, it is true, been criticisms - in this state rather than in Irish Times Northern Ireland - of other aspects of US policy elsewhere in the world, in particular of the week for Ireland and another bombing of Sudan and memorable one for President Afghanistan. There is little public support here for that kind of about hype, the visit to Omagh unilateral action, and, in other circumstances, an Irish government might have expressed concern at this action. But in

THIS VISIT has crowned this the light of the most positive role President Clinton has played in relation to Northern Ireland, realpolitik has imposed reticence on this issue.

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The Irish press assesses Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland

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THE HISTORIC ties between unique, and Mr Clinton has

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Clinton so confidently asserts, a better president than manythe nightmare is over and where it counts - on the ecodreams can begin remains to be seen. One way or another we can all sleep a good deal easier because of Mr Clinton's efforts. It is too early to countenance writing his political obituary but Northern Ireland will surely be featured amongst the prizes of

#### **PANDORA**

WITH THE nation's attention focussed on Rupert Murdoch's plans for English football, there is not much time left to worry about what the omnivorous tycoon is

doing in the rest of the world. Take Russia, for example. As we reported in this newspaper on Thursday, one of the key power brokers in Moscow is Boris Berezovsky, who influenced Yeltsin's decision to sack his cabinet and re-appoint Viktor Chernomyrdin as prime minister, then suddenly

seemed to disown them both. According to the New York Times, Berezovsky is "a capitalist in the image of Commodore Vanderbilt"; a 1996 issue of Forbes profiled him under the headline "Godfather of the Kremlin?" and investigated alleged links with the Russian matia.

What is the Murdoch connection? Last spring Murdoch spent about \$80 million huying control of a large Russian

called PLD Telekom, then sold a large portion of his shares to one of Berezovsky's companies. In July, Rupert invited Berezovsky to his annual Sun Valley media fest. Perhaps we'll be seeing a joint hid for Dynamo Moscow

TONIGHT OLD Labour and New Labour will be mixing in style at the Red Fort restaurant on Dean Street for a charity evening on behalf of One World Action. Glenys Kinnock is the antipoverty charity's president, the Red Fort is owned by Amin Ali and guests will include New Labour stalwarts Lord Hollick and Helena Kennedy QC along with "special guest" Neil Kinnock (pictured). When Pandora rang to ask if the evening required formal attire, a spokesperson said, "No, I don't think so. Can yon imagine Neil Kinnock in

WAS JESUS an Egyptian? That's the contention of Ahmed Osman, whose new book Out of Egypt: The Roots of Christianity Revealed was launched last week at an Egyptian embassy reception that Pandora attended. In chatting with the author, the question was raised whether Britain's most famous Egyptian, Mohamed al-Fayed, subscribed to Osman's theory. Osman said, he doubted that, since Mr Fayed "has a very Orthodox Muslim

background. He.

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doesn't have a

in philosophy or history". By this point it was clear that no alcohol was going to be served. Was the Egyptian

Jesus also a Baptist? WHAT IS the glossiest luxury goods catalogue in the UK? No, not Harrods or Harvey Nichols, but the new Cheisea Football Club Official Merchandise Brochure. From gold jewellery to bed linen, adult luggage to infant wear, golf balls to frying pans, the catalogue offers consumers

the opportunity to live the total "Blue" lifestyle. There are two collectors' items that Pandora finds absolutely irresistible. First, a £295 "limited edition" print of the whole FA Cup winning 1997 squad featuring the enlarged portrait and actual signature of Rund Gullit. Second, a flask of "CFC One" scent "for men and women" to ensure that owner Ken Bates' vision for Cheisea pervades even those most romantic moments. As one of the catalogue's teeshirts declares that "Chelsea women do it better!", can

we conclude that they're more fragrant too?

WASHINGTON WAS not just twittering over the latest batch of Clinton jokes last week According to one of Pandora's local sources, with Clinton abroad, the American capital was awash with outlandish rumours, many passed along by Democratic Congressmen who fear that they will lose their seats in November's elections. These included one about "seven interns" and, most hizarre of all, one about the "stain" on Monica's dress. By now, apparently most of the city believes that some sort of body fluid was discovered by the FBI laboratory; the donor is still unknown. However

a dinner jacket?" Who the latest gossip wants to imagine? says that the fluid itself tested positive for drug usage. What's next -Jerry Springer for President?

# Britain's most hated couple to wed

IT'S MICHAEL Knighton I feel sorry for. Ten years ago, he set up a deal to get Manchester United for £20m. It appeared to be in the bag. Martin Edwards had agreed. Mr Knighton even did a celebration kick-around at Old Trafford, scoring a goal in to an empty net, one of the images I will treasure in my mental archive of memorable moments in football, along with Vinnie grabbing Gazza's balls and that look of childish petulance on Beckham's

face when he got sent off. Then it all collapsed. Can't remember why . Probably because Mr Knighton did not have quite enough money and was going to throw in a few washers and his collection of football stickers.

But it's Mr Murdoch I'm puzzled

by. What is he on? At his age, why is he still deter-mined on world domination? Is he scared to be alone with himself, escaping from something, lacking something, and not a just a wife. He's proved he can do it, hammered the opposition, so why keep doing the same old thing, all over egain. Has he not thought of stamps or fretwork?



### DAVIES

The fans, as Manchester United showed when merchandising became king, are peripheral

He is already the Most Hated Man in Britain, except of course in those sections of the media which he happens to own. Now he is buying the Most Hated Club in Britain. It's a brilliant double.

Well done Rupert. If you are oing to be disliked, might as well

And I wonder about Man United. The progression is logical, once

keting. It was about five years ago that they first reached the point when they were making more money from merchandising and stuff than through the turnstiles. It immediately turned the whole no-

tion of a football club on its beads - making the people paying to watch the team, ie the supporters, less important than the people willing to pay for the name of the club,

I did a TV programme about it, J'Accuse, ridiculing this madness, this Alice in Wonderland situation. and got a load of hate mail from Man United fans.

This is now the result. Once making money from the name becomes the dominant activity, you might as well sell the whole product, and make the ultimate killing. Football clubs are now stock exchange listed, so greed for money wins. Is there any other reason why the Manchester United direc-

tors are selling out? They do not need to. The club is an enormous success. It makes millions. And the team itself is currently excellent. There I said it. So

they went helter-skelter in to mar- no hate mail, please. They have the best collection of players in the UK. There is no one Man United could not buy, could not attract, if they really wanted to. So why sell out? How can the club be made better by this deal? It makes no sense

except money sense. The reasons for Mr Murdoch's interest make total sense - and are also based on greed.

He wants Man United to give him ccess, power and leverage in the TV global battles ahead. Sky executives go on all the time about their success being based on multi channels, offering choice, all of which is bollocks. The reason Sky has be-come such a success today is football. It's football wot's done it. The

rest is window dressing. I blame myself. I subscribe to Skv in London and in Lakeland, where I am at present, purely to watch the football. Which it does brilliantly.

I said it, there, so no bate mail from Sky. I have never, ever switched on any other Sky channel. except Sport. Or even watched any other sports, except football, I must be potty, Paying double, watching so little. Yet I am sure there are mil-

lions like me. It is football I worry about. We can do nothing about the new people arriving in football For over a century, our clubs were run by local butchers and bakers, usually with family connections, who were in it for the local glory, not the money. Martin Edwards himself is part of that dying breed - a wholesale butcher at one time, whose shares originally came through

his dad. The next stage is for football to be run by investment groups or multi-national organisations, which see a top football club as part of their portfolio. And this is where the worty lies.

If football is a business, bought for purely business reasons, then by the same token, it will be sold for business reasons. When the shares drop, the accountants will say get out. When re-organisations or takeovers arrive, someone will say, "football is not our core business, let's get shot of it". When Murdoch dies, his empire is bound to be split up, sold

off in job lots. This might not necessarily be bad or good for football. Just the end of football, as we have known it ...

# We have reached the limits of trial by television

ITS A fact of journalistic life. Every now and again, it's your job to deal with the sort of human being you'd rather scrape off the bottom of your shoe. Into this bracket might fall child molesters, drug dealers and racist murderers. We can now add policemen whose higotry allows black men to die in suspicious circumstances without any semblance of an investigation. However, if such encounters will tell a member of the public something, he or she needs to know that's the job.

The news that Panorama and London News Network have been in conversation with the five men who were suspects in the killing of Stephen Lawrence should not surprise us. As an employee of both the BBC and LNN, I do of course have an interest. But since it is unlikely that anyone would invite me to conduct such an interview, I can comfortably say that I can look at this

The immediate reaction of most black Britons is predictable. The Lawrence family has indicated its distress at the idea, on the grounds that the men had every opportunity to tell their story in court and chose not to do so. The former British National Party whistle-blower, Matthew Collins, has told the BBC that interviewing the men on prime time television would he a waste of licence-payers' money.

However, it is reasonable for journalists to ask whether such an interview will add anything to the knowledge we already have from the inquest and inquiry into the case. The broadcasters are promising tough, impartial interrogation. They say that if anything can be uncovered they will find it. It is even rumoured that the BBC has some new information, possibly a new witness to throw into the pot. Encouragingly for all the journalists, it is being put



**TREVOR PHILLIPS** 

TV has developed a taste for celebrity thugs; the hard-man image they project goes down well

about that the men now regret taking their lawyers' advice to remain silent at the inquest and feel that "their side of the story" has not been told. They, it seems, had collectively decided that it was time to find a channel through which to proclaim their innocence. There are some difficulties with

this approach. First, the men have yet to offer a convincing explanation for their behaviour, shown on secret police video tapes, which showed them acting out graphic violence with a variety of lethal weapons, and abusing black and asian people with venom. Let me remind you of David Norris's jokes: "The coon's got knackered up... If I were going to kill myself, I would kill every black c\*\*\* ... skin the black c\*\*\* alive, torture him and set him alight. I would blow his two legs and arms off and say 'Go on, you can swim home now." It is hard to think what he would say in an interview that would explain the joke - it is said that the men claimed that they were simply

"mucking about". Second, the nagging question: if

the five men have a story, why have they not told it before? If they simply want to say that they weren't there at the time and can offer an alibi, why not simply go to the police now and

If they cannot clear themselves in this way, does anyone genuinely expect them to incriminate themselves on television? If, on the other hand they intend to say that they were in the area and have some evidence that would point the finger elsewhere, do they expect us to sympathise with them, after having put the Lawrence through five years of unnecessary anguish? I believe in forgiveness, but that's a level of tolerance that only the Almighty could afford.

All that said. I would not expect the journalists to pass up an opportunity, just in case there is a new revelation. The sad thing is that now the men have engaged the attentions of the publicist Max Clifford, they will get best advice possible about how to protect themselves and their own reputations, even if that is at the expense of justice. TV has now developed a taste for celebrity thugs, and, whether these men are guilty or not, the "hard man" image they have projected so far goes down well with a certain section of the TV audience.

the inquest was just a taste of what is to come once they are guided by Clifford into TV and radio interviews, followed by book deals and the chatshow circuit. In a sense they are bidding to be the heirs of the Krays and their associates, two of whom - the late Lennie McLean and "Mad" Frankie Frazer - have recently done the rounds of the talk shows. Max Clifford is now entertaining

Their swaggering appearance at

bids for the story, and he will choose the vehicle that offers the men the best chance of emerging as underworld stars. ITV has not helped its



Angry scenes outside the Stephen Lawrence inquiry

own chances; according to LNN Bashir's career has become yet boss Simon Bucks, there will be no deals and no softball. It is the right thing for Bucks to say, but given that LNN has covered the story consiscase and would be fundamentally journalistic. If the men genuinely wanted to gain credibility and add to the process of finding the truth, they would choose this option.

Martin Bashir, who has been much maligned this week, is no patsy. Before that interview he was known as an annoyingly persistent investigator, who was responsible for turning up much damaging evidence about Terry Venables's business dealings. As far as I can recall, Panorama has not previously covered the Lawrence affair and will no doubt be accused of parachuting into a story of which it knows little. It is, however, rumoured that the programme has new material to offer, indicating that Stephen Lawrence was the victim of mistaken identity. But whatever he has on the story,

already littered with dozens of shattered reputations. Fairly or unfairly. he is no longer judged by the stantently and even-handedly for five dards of other reporters. His interyears, the interrogation would be viewees have to be bigger and more based on a deep knowledge of the revealing than anyone else's. However tough he intends to be, unless he can produce incontrovertible evidence of guilt, he will never satisfy his critics; and his own celebrity will give the five creeps a credibility that they do not deserve in any circumstances. It is a desperately bad position for him to be in, and not his fault. In the Louise Woodward case, very little hung on the final outcome: but when it comes to Stephen Lawrence, there is still too much that is too important to too many people to treat this as just another TV event.

another victim in the Diana story,

If we are to reach the truth, find the culprits and change the behaviour of the police, the affair should not be clouded by the "Bashir effect". That is, of course why we can expect to see the five on television one Monday night soon

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have inspired the rest of us to aim a little higher. I am tempted in this city of saints and cathedrals to call the peace of 1998 a miracle. Nonetheless, I think you would all agree that at least in the normal sense in which we use the word the peace of Good Friday

was not a miracle. You did it vourselves. It rose from the public's passionate demand to take a different course. It came about from the hard work of leaders children in this crowd tonight. like David Trimble and Seamus Mallon, from the leaders of the other parties, from Tony Blair and the Irish Prime Minister as well.It came from honest dehate. And again, it came loud and clear from an overwhelm-

It is you who have told your leaders that you long for peace as never before. You gave them the confidence to move forward, to give up the past, and speak the language of the future. Armagh has stood for these better aspirations throughout its long history. Today, the two cathedrals

that dominate the landscape stand for the idea that communion is better than destructive competition. Two proud traditions can exist side by side, bringing people closer to God and closer to each other.

Here, there have been difficulties, as elsewhere. But the historic streets of this old town remind us of a fundamental fact about your community: Armagh literally encircles its many traditions in a single community. That is what Northern Ireland must do if you want the future of peace and prosperity that belongs to the

As you look ahead, to be sure, in this peace process there will be false steps and disappointments. The question is not if the peace will be challenged - you know it will. The question is, how will you reing vote of the people for peace. spond when it is challenged.



**PODIUM** PRESIDENT CLINTON

Taken from the President's speech to 'A Gathering for Peace' in Armagh last week

You don't have to look too far. The bomb that tore at the heart of Omagh was a blatant attack on all of Northern Ireland's people who support peace. But it backfired.

Out of the unimaginably horrible agony of Omagh, the people said, it is high time somebody told these people that we are through with hate. through with war, through with destruction. It will not work any more.

troubled places I point to you as proof that peace is not an idle daydream, for your peace is real, and it resonates around the world. It echoes in the ears of people hungry for the end of strife in their own country. Never underestimate the impact you can have on the world. The great English poet and

clergyman, John Donne, wrote, "No man is an island. We are all a piece of the continent, a part of the main." Tonight we might even say in this inter-connected island that not even Ireland is fully an island.On this island, Northern Ireland obviously is connected in ways to the Republic, as well as to England, Scotland, and Wales - and, in ways, the Republic of Ireland is connected to them also.

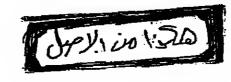
All of you on this island increasingly are connected to Europe and to the rest of the world, as ideas and information and people fly across the tied ever closer together, and we have obligations now that we cannot shirk, to stand for the cause of human dignity everywhere.

We Americans will do what

When I go now to other we can to support the peace to support economic projects, to support education projects. We know we have an obligation to you because your ancestors were such a source of strength in America's early history. Because their descendants are building America's future today, because of all that, we have not forgotten our debt to Ulster.

Thank you for reminding us of one of life's most important lessons, that it is never too late for a new beginning. You will be tested again and again, but a God of grace has given you a new beginning. Now you must make the most of it, mindful of President Kennedy's adage that here on Earth God's work must truly be our own. Your work is the

Everywhere, in every corner, there are people who long to believe in our better selves, who want to be able to say for the rest of their lives, in the face of any act of madness born of globe at record speeds. We are hatred over religious or racial or ethnic or tribal differences - they want to be able to shake their fists in defiance and say, do not tell me it has to be this way, look at Northern Ireland.



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# Lady Luck and my sorry ass



#### JOHN WALSH

I was undoubtedly the only person in Las Vegas wearing patterned wool socks

Las Vegas THE FAT man in the loud monochrome shirt is becoming pretty noisy himself. He is seated on the last of the six chairs that make up a sweating horseshoe of punters, being dealt cards by a suave Latin called Thomas in a Paul Raymond hairstyle. The fat man has been winning so much - judging by the messy shingle of plastic doubloons in front of him - he doesn't know whether to be cock-of-the-walk or afraid that his luck's running out.

He has been lecturing his fellow gamblers on how they should play blackjack, and whether you should stick on 15, 16 or 17 or buy another card and try to keep their score under 21. He shonts "Don't be afraid of it!" at the woman holding 15. To a desperate-looking trucker in a red T-shirt and a neck to match, who is dithering over whether to twist on 17, he yells, "That's a real no-brainer, right there!". He peeps at the two cards he's been dealt, sliding down the nine of clubs with infinite slowness to reveal what Destiny is offering; his second card is the six of diamonds.

He's on 15. It could be worse. It could be far better. He pushes 300 dollars' worth of gambling chips forward with his porky fingers, sucks his cigarette right back inside his mouth like it's a burning lollipop, and says, "Til settle for a fahve". Thomas tucks a third card face-down under the three chips, and deals out cards to the others. Finally he flips over his own hand: two queens, 20 points. Can they beat that? The others are all busted, but the fat man hasn't looked at his final card, hasn't checked the final magic sum that will reveal how much Lady Luck smiles on his

"Do it for me, boy," he tells the croupier (who, fortunately, isn't black). Thomas flips it over. It's the six of hearts. It's like a love-note from Her Ladyship in person.

The fat man lets out a whoop of joy and high-fives a formal Japanese called Mike at the end of the row. Mike is tired of being given highfives by this ebullient low-life who keeps on winning, the dealer is frankly weary of him, the waitress in the tailcoat and fishnets is heartily sick of his clicking fingers, but the crowd love him because he is a) a 10 dollars - then, at the table next winner, h) a performer and c) a door, it's 50 dollars - then, at the fat-



The New York New York Hotel is but one of Las Vegas's extravagant theme hostelries

winder-upper of the establishment. man's table, it's 100 dollars, and heavens-15 tokens. I'd suddenly ac-"What's happened to the cheerin' crowd?" he asks, "C'mon..." And he looks round at us, the bloated hero regarding his indulgent public, and starts to sing: "Somethin' tells me

Ah'm into somethin' good". It's 3.30 in the afternoon. There's no daylight in here, no clocks to suggest a deadline or the passage of time, no distinction of day or night, and no mirrors to tell you how shagged-out you're starting to look. Just the fall of cards, the whoops and high-fives and the indefatigable smile of the girls chasing tips.

Of all the dizzy-making sights of Las Vegas, this is what it all comes down to: someone being lucky and beating the system. For this simple aleatoric transaction, 32 million people come every year to this crackoot nirvana, this spun-sugar utopia, this meringue necropolis of taste in the middle of the Nevada desert, stand in these vast aircrafthangar-sized casino lounges feeding the endlessly cheeping fruit machines as if they were hungry osprey chicks, lingering at the roulette tables where the minimum stake is

you're in trouble

DID I get suckered into it? Of course not. What a suggestion, But after inspecting the Rio Casino and the Monte Carlo, and a few others there are even slot machines in the airport, before you get to baggage reclaim - and traipsed the miles of shockingly coloured carpet, as jackpot sirens went off and machines disgorged thousands of dollars with a sexy, relentless thunking, I felt I might be missing the point of Vegas. (I felt a little out of place anyway, in. my sensible shoes and sports jacket, like Prince Harry at a Prodigy concert, when everyone was wearing the regulation uniform of shorts. trainers and floppy shirt. I was undoubtedly the only person in Las Vegas wearing patterned wool socks).

Shyly, I found two quarters in my pocket and fed one into a winking robot emblazoned with coloured sevens. The dials whirled but nothing happened. You see? I thought. Hopeless, I dropped in the last quarter, just for the hell of it, and the thing blazed with life. I'd won-good

quired \$3.75 in unearned income.

Reasoning that the machine had shot its bolt for a while, I moved onto a second, and won five more tokens. Then onto a third machine and won five more. I looked over my shoulder. Would I shortly feel the heavy hand of the Management on my arm, and a voice grating "Im gonna be straight with you, son. We hin watching you and we reckon you're playin' to some kind of system. We can't rightly tell what it is, but Ah suggest you take your winnings and git out of town while you can still walk"? Sensibly, I quit before they came to get me. But I'm off to the

READERS OF Julian Rames's new novel, England, England, in which a corrupt tycoon builds an English heritage theme park on the Isle of Wight, may have smiled at the idea of building a hundred simulacra of Big Ben, Buck House, the White Cliffs of Dover, Sherwood Forest and other embodiments of Albion, hut reasoned that nobody would be mad enough actually to do such a thing.

They should come to Las Vegas.

Drive down the main drag and you can make out the four iron legs of a soaring and strangely familiar latticed tower, beside it, through a tangle of scaffolding, a rectangular block with a triumphant-looking arch can be seen. Hardly have you digested, half a mile later, that they were France's two most famous

The place is stiff with ersatz mon-

uments. The New York New York

Hotel offers jetlagged visitors the

odd experience of seeing a half-size Statue of Liberty, Chrysler Building

and Empire State Building looming

down the street in front of them.

eyes than you drive past a new apricot-hued hotel featuring a graceful palazzo of arches... They-re both opening in 1999. The former will be the Paris Casino Resort, a \$750m extravaganza masterminded by Hilton Hotels. Alongside the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, they're providing replicas

monuments rising up before your

Jules Verne restaurant). The latter will be even more dottily elaborate. The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, on the site of the old

of the whole Champs Elysée, the

Opera House and a handy-sized

River Seine (not to mention the

JOHN CARR

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OF REPLY



A member of Internet Watch, the industry watchdog, argues for regulating the World Wide Web

SIMON DAVIES' piece ("Make it safe, but keep it free", 4 September) is drenched in a sense of nostalgic whimsy for an Internet which no longer exists.

In the dim and distant past, say 1992, there were probably no more than 200,000 Internet users in the entire world, aimost all of them found within or around the universities and the research communities. Frankly what this small, select band got up to with its slow. user-unfriendly computer links was of very little interest or importance to anyone but Itself. It was a prelapsarian idvll in which a co-operative, not-for-profit community neither needed nor sought any external regulation.

Today the Internet is reaching out for mass-media status. It is on a trajectory that will make it as ubiquitous as the telephones and televisions with which it will merge. There are already over 120 million Internet users world-wide. six million in the UK alone. By 2001 the global figure will have doubled and be on an even faster-climbing curve.

The Internet is every bit as significant as the road and rail network or the National Health Service.

Thus it is hardly surprising that governments, and all sorts of interest groups, are revisiting and re-examining the fundamental basis on which the Internet has operated hitherto. The Internet is a modern marvel but it is still in its technological infancy. It has brought in its wake a series of major problems, some of which touch and concern the health, welfare and physical safety of our children.

These problems can be solved but only if, rather than going in to denial or erecting paranoid smokescreens about the wickedness which governments might get up to in the future, we should focus on what needs to be done now to set those ills aright.

# On the rocky road to love

MONDAY POEM

PARTNERS

BY CAROLE SATYAMURTI

Our poems today and tomorrow come from Carole Satyamurti's

new volume of 'Selected Poems' (Oxford University Press, £9.99)

WITH DIVORCE rates in Britain and the US breaking records, the question posed by the American psychiatrist Peter Kramer'a new book, Should You Leave?, is hauntingly relevant. This collection of vignettes about troubled couples, with its sharply focused analysis of their problems and suggestions about how they can learn to help themselves. is a refreshing exploration of a contemporary conundrum. It centres on that vexed question that often erupts after years of ordinary happiness. As

it: "If I stay there will be trouble, if I go it will be double." Kramer, the author of Listening to Prozac, breaks fresh ground in his psychiatric writing. His courage in tackling the issue of whether an individual a personality is fundamentally altered by taking an anti-depressant drug kept his Prozac book on the US best-seller

The Clash song so succinctly described

lists for months. Now he departs from the standard hands-off psychotherapeutic approach to enter the sticky territory of dispensing advice on marital relationships. But this is a far cry from such bland and patronising self-help hibles as Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus or Women Who Love Too Much, with their cosy language and behavioural check-lists. Instead, Kramer uses fictional portraits of individual marriages to weave a comprehensive theory of how couples relate to each other, and where things go wrong between them.

En route, he suggests tools for selfanalysis and understanding, with signposts for further reading. There is much nourishing food for thought here.

Kramer suggests that, with couples, the real workings of the relationship are often hidden. But, despite the despair they can invoke in each other, couples are often a far better psychological match than they care to admit or are



#### MONDAY BOOK

SHOULD YOU LEAVE? THE DILEMMAS OF INTIMACY BY PETER D KRAMER, GOLLANCZ. £16.99

ner leaves you in danger of repeating destructive patterns. "The solution is not to leave the other nor to strive to change the other," writes Kramer. "The solution is to grow."

Even in what might appear to be obvious cases, in which a couple should end a tortuous relationship, there may be other important dynamics at work. A fictionalised client, Iris, appears in Kramer's office seeking advice after she comes across a bundle of e-mails on her PC from her lover, Randall, to Bunny, a

It was always said - she

was the strong one,

the emphasis implying

something not quite natural.

It showed in her head's angle

inherited from a line of officers

khaki-convincing in the gallery

of family photographs.

to end a marriage and seek another part- scribes Iris as impossible and oversensitive, "a prickly pear", and reveals the most intimate details of their relationship. Iris responds to the betrayal by driving to his flat, shoving a cactus in his disk drive and baking his modern. Should she leave?

After her rage subsides, however, Iris comes to realise that Randall's actions and her reaction might be a bizarre form of courtship. They are acting out patterns familiar to them, invariably bequeathed by their respective parents. The challenge for the therapist is to sepfemale friend. In these messages he de- arate the behaviour the couple uncon-

She always knew her mind

He never could decide on anything.

After he died, people said

she'd grown to look like him.

- as if his soul, lacking direction,

had managed a short hop

and settled in that softening jaw.

that bewilderment behind the eyes.

sciously perpetuates from the behaviour they desire to change. Kramer offers a list of maxims: "You

are not far from where you ought to be. Your choice says much about you. Change enough. Change yourself. Use the relationship as a place in which to grow. Expect discomfort." There are situations, of course,

where maxims are not enough. If Kramer detects an undiagnosed depression or anhedonia (an inability to experience pleasure), he dismisses a couple's claims of incompatibility.

In such cases, therapy should target the depression and not the marital discord. "In those predisposed to anhedonia, a modest strain in a marriage may result in a solid impediment to ordinary pleasure and then to all sorts of compensatory behaviours.

If this goes undetected, families may be torn apart and the root cause will

never be addressed. But there are also abusive relationships where there is no hope of growth. In many instances, the abused partner can only end their enslavement through a sudden flash of insight which gives them the courage to leave. This "gift". as Kramer calls it cannot simply be handed over as advice, because this would ignore the client's problem: the inability to see beyond her situation. Only she, alone, can decide when and how to leave.

Perhaps Kramer's book marks a moment in our culture when we have come full circle.

In an age when it appears that cou-ples find it increasingly easy to leave, his advice to stay and fight it out, to embrace the idiosyncrasies and maddening habits of your lover, appears a

radical suggestion. Whether you agree with his optimism or not Should You Leave? is a vital contribution to a debate which rarely gets the intellectual attention it deserves.

JULIE WHEELWRIGHT



Sands Hotel where Sinatra and

his Rat Pack used to knock 'em

dead in 1960, will be a \$2.5 billion,

6,000-suite monstrosity full of hits

of La Serenissima - the Doge's

Palace is just the start. You'll go in

through a scaled-down Campanile

and travel along a moving walkway

over the Rialto Bridge. The more

adventurous can take a gondola

(and be serenaded in Italian, they

assure me) along a 1,200-foot canal

that leads them to the Grand Canal

There's no telling where this ten-

dency may lead. Those expecting

an England-themed complex may

be disappointed, since there are al-

ready a number of wholly fake

"English pubs" glutting the market

(there'a one in my hotel; it seems

to have cobbles on the floor). After

New York, Paris and Venice, will

there be smaller versions of Berlin,

Rome, Prague, Edinburgh,

Barcelona, Dublin, Beijing and

Tokyo? When they're all exhaust-

ed, perhaps the hotel companies

will turn to the most flowingly

take-able city of all and put up a

shrunken version of Las Vegas in

the heart of Las Vegas. Or would

that be just too silly?

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able to recognise. He attempts to find ways of helping people to stay together, in the belief that

# Akira Kurosawa

AKIRA KUROSAWA'S memoir, Something Like an Autobiography, published in 1982, concludes with a series of aphoristic notes on filmmaking, the very first of which it might he worth quoting in its

WHAT IS CINEMA? The answer to this question is no easy matter Long ago the Japanese novelist Shiga Naoya presented an essay written by his grand-child as one of the most remarkable child as one of the most remarkable prose pieces of his time. He had it published in a literary magazine. It was entitled "My Dog", and ran as follows: "My dog resembles a bear; he also resembles a badger; he also resembles a fox..." It proceeded to enumerate the dog's special characteristics, comparing each one to yet another animal, developing into a full list of the animal kingdom. However, the essay chosed with, "But since he's a dog, he most resembles a dog."

I remember bursting out laughing when I read this essay, but it makes a serious point. Cinema resembles so many other arts. If cinema has very literary characteristics, it also has theatrical qualities, a philosophical side, attributes of painting and sculpture and musical elements. But cinema is, in the final analysis, cinema.

If there exists a cinema to which all of these attributes pertain, one which nevertheless remains supremely cinematic, it is that of Kurosawa himself. In a career spanning 50 years he made several films of literary inspiration, including adaptations of Dostoevsky (The Idiot), Gorky (The Lower Depths) and Shakespeare (Throne of Blood, a chillingly powerful version of Macbeth), others which consciously emphasised a fundamental and pervasive theatricality through the use of stylised studio sets (e.g. Dodes Ka-Den, 1970), others belonging to what Westerners would regard as an oddly European tradition of philosophical humanism (e.g. Ikiru, 1952, a memorable portrait of a dying man's last, humanitarian gesture) and still others for whose multicoloured, sumptuously composed visuals the most accurate term would be "painterly" (e.g. Kagemusha, 1980).

Nor could one deny the sculptural or musical qualities of his films, whether in the powerful physicalitv with which almost all of his protagonists have been invested (e.g. the feudal overlord of Ran, 1985, spikily caparisoned like a besequinned insect) or in his deployment of narrative threads within a film like leitmotiven (e.g. the quartet of fugually inter-related versions of the "truth" in Rashomon, 1950).

It was Rashomon which, at the 1951 Venice Film Festival, first brought to dazzled Western eyes not only Kurosawa's own hrilliance (his twelfth film preceded in the canon by at least one work arguably its equal, Stray Dog of 1949.

1910, the youngest of seven children of a veteran army officer. Having failed to make a satisfactory living for himself as a commercial artist (like Eisenstein, the film-maker whose sensibility was closest to his own, Kurosawa was a witty and incisive caricaturist), he was hired in 1936 as assistant director to Kajiro Yamemoto, who became his teacher and mentor. Graduating to the director's chair via a number of screenwriting chores, he made his début in 1943 with Judo Sago, a well-received melodrama in which his notoriously finicky perfectionism was already in evidence: for a scene in which the hero suicidally leaps into a pond, the tyro director insisted that the sound made by lotus blossoms when they

burst open be clearly audible. Following the international triumph of Rashomon, a film often described as "Pirandellian" for the way in which it explores the ambiguity of reality through the dramatisation of four mutually conflicting accounts of a single incident, Kurosawa quite simply became the most famous



Kurosawa on the set of The Seven Samurai (1954)

(even if, for many cinephiles, his reputation would be surpassed by those of Kenji Mizoguchi and Yasu-jiro Ozu). Paradoxically, the quality of his work apart, this pre-eminence has derived from the fusion of a hyper-Japanese "exoticism", founded essentially on Samurai history and folklore, with a conspicuous leaning towards Western cultural archetypes, a fusion which has made his films rather more accessible to non-Orientals than those of his competriots. Thus, in such Samurai romances

as The Hidden Fortress (1958), Yojimbo (1961) and Sanjuro (1962), there can be detected the influence film was awarded the Festival's (openly acknowledged by Kuro-Golden Lion) but the very fact of the sawa) of John Ford's Westerns. Japanese cinema's existence. Yet it Conversely, one of the director's Seven Samurai (1954), an epic three-bour-long tale of a maverick band of mercenaries who ride to the Kurosawa was born in Tokyo in aid of a tiny village beseiged by marauding bandits, was remade in Hollywood as The Magnificent Seven; and Roshomon, too, was subsequently Westernised (in both the geographical and generic sense of the word) as The Outrage, though the result in this case was notably less convincing. As for the so-called "spaghetti westerns" of Sergio Leone, they could not have been filmed without the example of Kurosawa's historical epics.

As Kurosawa's prestige in-creased in the West, however, it began to be eroded in his own country, to the point where, in 1971, having been virtually inactive for a decade, he made a much publicised suicide attempt. For younger Japanese film-makers, especially during the socially divisive period of the late Sixties, he had come to seem aloof and passeist, one of the most visible representatives of a detested Establishment, no longer deigning to direct his fastidiously patrician gaze at the problems besetting the society in which he lived.

For producers he was a cantan-

fewer of whose increasingly costly films proved to be commercial successes. For audiences he had become an irrelevant anachronism. In fact, so much was Kurosawa the classic "father figure" who has to be "killed" for succeeding generations to breathe more freely, it is possible to interpret Ran - the film which. with Kagemusha, brought the director once more into the forefront

Japanese film-maker in the world kerous perfectionist, fewer and and expectancy. But when the film started, with a spectacularly cut wild boar hunt, I began to feel a lowering of spirits in the spectators. I admired the pictorial effects of composition and colour in the use of authentic historical costumes and in vivid battle scenes: but that was all. True drama was missing.

The whole movie had a heavy rhythm and an animated waxworks look. The false beards and eyeJapanese "Mr Chips" of appalling old-fashioned sentimentality, and I distrust and resent directors who deliberately set out to bring tears to an audience's eyes. In one of his rare interviews in the popular magazines, Kurosawa stated:

I want to be known as an artisan, not as an artist. A movie should reflect its age. I made Madadayo because of what my granddaughter told me about her life at school today. I wanted to show what edu

Madadayo, meaning "not yet!" which becomes the leitmotif of the Such a scene is unimaginable in

present-day Japanese schools. It could hardly appeal to the younger generation, and even less to audiences abroad unfamiliar with the social setting. But a certain type of elderly Japanese likes the formalism of such movies, in which they can check from their own lives the details of how one should behave on visiting one's professor, on attending a wedding ceremony or a funeral, or a New Year's Day visit. I could sense the audience's eager eyes on the lookout for errors of etiquette. The sheer physical elements in the wearing of certain clothes and footwear were closely scrutinised, as well as the styles of speech, the modes of respectful address, in the portrayal of which Kurosawa is truly the Master. But these have little interest for Western audiences.

Madadayo was received fairly coolly by the critics in Japan, But it was Kurosawa's 50th anniversary in the world of film: the unforgettable Sanshiro Sugata was made in 1943. So there was much publicity surrounding the event, and I was fortunate to see an opulent retrospective exhibition of "The Emperor's" work in the Hankyu Department Store's art gallery in

Kurosawa often stated that he wanted to be a painter, not a director, and always made numerous drawings and paintings in preparation for each scene in his movies. Many of these were on display, and were reproduced as posters or on Tshirts. There were coffee mugs, lighters and so on decorated with a Kurosawa silhouette, and episodes from most of his films were running on video screens along with a recent television interview. But I was struck most of all by the exquisite painted costumes used in his later historical works, and the accompanying accessories and jewellery, made with such care and attention to detail On the way out, there was a large photo of Kurosawa flanked by George Lucas and Stephen Spielberg at the Cesar ceremony for Kagemusha. Spielberg had scrawled across the top in thick black marker ink: "Akira, I look at this picture and all I can see is you. With gratitude, Steven Spielberg. But in fact, when I looked at this picture, ali I could see was Spielberg's ugly scrawl. It seems significant that Spiciberg is said to be contemplating his own re-cut version of Kagemusha, along more acceptable Hollywood lines.

Kurosawa was sacked by Darryl Zanuck from Tora Tora (1970) because of his directorial manner, utterly at variance with local style, and the movie was taken over by Richard Fleischer. In a recent book by his pephew, we are told that Kurosawa "went mad" in the 20th Century-Fox studios and smashed the display cases holding the priceless swords, soldiers' costumes and other documentary equipment he had brought with him from Japan. .There were rumours of a suicide attempt on his return to Japan, but I found no evidence for this.

Certainly Kurosawa was at odds with the modern world and the cutand-dried methods of Western studies, for he liked to do everything himself, thus offending specialists jealous of their camera angles, placing of characters, lighting, close-ups and so on.

One result of this battle with business efficiency in the art of the film was that Kurosawa became a fervent ecologist. He deplored the fact that in Japan nearly all the rivers have had their banks cemented over. so that for a vital scene in Dreams he had what he called "the devil of a job" to find a natural river bank. "There's no scenery left in Japan" he growled. "It's impossible to make samurai movies there now."

He was reported to be difficult in his handling of actors. Shimura Takeshi, the cancer-doomed antihero of Ikiru (1952) said that Kurosawa worked with great intensity, creating a tension like that in a fullydrawn bow, so that actors were always wondering when the arrow of the director's anger might be released. But he admitted that in the face of any kind of incompetence the Master's anger was always justified.

Kurosawa was said to be unable to handle women characters, but the best performance in Madadayo comes from a beautiful veteran actress Kyoko Kagawa as the old teacher's wife, a performance of great subtlety and restraint. And in Rhopsody in August there was a wonderful scene of an old woman with a broken umbrella battling her way through a typhoon: she was played hy Murase Sachiko. The other good actor in Madadayo was an enormous ginger tom-cat, totally un-selfconscious: but be could not steal his scenes with Kyoko Kagawa. Kurosawa was said to love children as actors. But in his last films, the children look all-too-contemporary. and he cannot accommodate them to the historical backgrounds.

One of Kurosawa's last pronouncements came after praising the mastery of Satyajit Ray's The Stranger (1991), a hig theme so simply handled. The Emperor declared that films with too much theorising and pretentious ideological ideas were "the bottom of the bottom" in movies. He saw the end of the world in the death of nature and the exploitation of natural resources, and declared that his last film would be on that theme, and that he would call it The End - the first time "The End" would appear at the beginning of a film. That touch of bitter humour illustrates well the sadness of a great director's final years.

Akira Kurosawa, film director: born Tokyo 23 March 1910; married 1945 Yoko Yaguchi (died 1985; one son, one daughter); died Tokyo 6 September 1998.

Kurosawa's pre-eminence derived from the fusion of a hyper-Japanese 'exoticism', founded essentially on Samurai history and folklore, with a conspicuous leaning towards Western cultural archetypes, making his films more accessible to non-Orientals than those of his compatriots

ical in theme. Ran, it should be said, was a (surprisingly faithful) adaptation of King Lear transposed to medieval Japan, in which the play's ungrateful daughters had been turned, significantly, into no less un-

GILBERT ADAIR

I remember with what impatience I awaited, in 1980 in Kyoto, the first early-morning showing of Kuro-sawa's latest film, Kagemusha, the first since his 1975 Russian coproduction Dersu Uzala, writes James Kirkup. I skipped classes to do so. There was a long queue all round the movie house when I arrived there at 9.30 am for the first screening. I got one of the last seats in the front row.

People of all ages - young, middle-aged and elderly - the sort of generation-bridging audience one used to see at revivals of films by Yasuiro Ozu and Mikio Naruse, cre-

of world cinema - as autobiograph- brows and the coarse-looking wigs were really unconvincing. Something of the static historical epic Dersu Uzala had impeded Kurosawa's usual cinematic sense of flow. That film was the beginning of a decline into pageantry with Ran (1985; an inept version of King Lear), Dreams (1990) and Rhapsody in August (1991). The Master had lost his old incisive touch, and though those films had a respectable success in Japan they were not revived, and stirred little interest abroad: many in the Cannes Festival showing of Dreams slept right through it.

When Madadayo came out in April 1993, I caught an evening show in Nagoya. There were no queues round the block at 6 pm The audience was made up almost entirely of the elderly, and no wonder: today's hardboiled, pragmatic young know nothing about the literary, historical and social background of this film set in the periods before and cation was like in the old days, and to set an example for teachers at the present time. We can learn a lot from their sons, but we can learn even more if they will show their essential humility in class. Nowadays that kind of teaching in class. Nowinays that and of reaching is rare. The old type of friendly relationship between pupils and teacher no longer exists. Teachers now no longer visit pupils' homes, saying they have no time after classes.

From my own experience of

teaching in contemporary Japan, I could appreciate in Madadayo the immense gap now separating the standardised learning-by-rote education of today, aimed solely at get-ting students through certain kinds of tests and final examinations, and the deeply humanistic teaching personified in the film by the old sensei or master in his relationship with the uniformly-dressed, impeccablybehaved pupils in their final year. When he announces his forthcoming retirement, there is the first of the tear-jerking scenes as a student stands up and begs the old teacher ated a pleasurable sense of tension just after the Pacific War. It was a to go on teaching, using the word

## Keith Oxlee

who led South African rugby out of the doldrums at the end of the Fifties and helped to re-establish the Springboks as the top side in the

Having drawn the Test series with the 1955 British Lions 2-2, the Springboks were beaten 3-1 in New Zealand in 1956. Two years later they lost a home series for the first time in their history, 1-0 with a game drawn, against the French.

By the time Wilson Whineray's All Blacks landed in the Republic in 1960 an upsurge in fortunes was being demanded of the home side. The reaction from the selectors was to pick against Scotland and then a further six for the first of four internationals against the All Blacks.

Among the second wave of new

being an attacking genius. By the end of his 19 cap, record-breaking career, Oxlee had also become renowned for his goalkicking The Springboks were facing an

unprecedented fixture list at the start of the Sixties with four Tests against the All Blacks and then five more internationals on a 34 match tour of the UK, Ireland and France, all within eight months. It was make or break time for the Springboks. The team came through with flying colours, winning two and drawing one of the four Tests against New Zealand and then beating the Home Countries before drawing with 10 new caps for the one-off match France. Oxlee established himself as a master tactician and one of the best outside halves in the world.

Perhaps the best player to assess Oxlee's abilities is John Gainsford, recruits was a 23-year-old outside the man who played alongside him half from Natal with a reputation for at centre for the Springboks in all

his 19 international appearances. "People have always associated Keith with the running game and the magnificent part he played in fos-tering it. I disagree with them to a point," Gainsford said.

Where Keith showed his true value and greatness was when the going was lough and his side was under pressure. you would see them coming for you, and you knew it was going to be rough. But when you had Keith there as your out-side half you knew that all would be well. I played next to him in all his Tests and l can vouch for his courage and com-mitment. Ha took the knocks and he never gave me anything but clean ball. He would rather take the heat than pass it on to his team-mates. That for me was the mark of greatness. He was the finest I ever played with."

Oxlee scored two of his then record five tries for a South African outside half in that 1960 series victory over the All Blacks. At that stage of his career the man who revolutionised Natal Collegians and Natal

sides with his thrilling, daring style was not seen as a recognised goal-

All that changed later in the year when he found himself pressed into emergency duty at a rain-soaked Cardiff Arms Park against Wales. With his regular kicker Dick Locyker ruled out through injury, the Springbok captain Avril Malan tossed the ball to Oxice and hoped for the

Amid 50 mph gales, he missed with his opening two kicks before landing his third shortly before halftime. It proved to be the only score of the game and helped to launch a whitewash of Home Unions in the Test series.

Over the next five years Oxlee hoisted his Test points tally to 88 to smash Gerry Brand's record of 55 that had stood for 24 years from 1928. leave the field. He received stiches Even today he lies in fifth place on as early as the fourth minute for a ried (one son, one daughter); died the Springboks all-time scoring list. nasty gash above his eye and to- 31 August 1998.

boks' record for the number of points in a match, as well as the hearts of Arthur Smith's British Lions, when he kicked five conversions and two penalties - earning 16 points - in the fourth Test as the tourists were beaten 34-14 in Bloemfontein. That record stood until 1981 when Naas Botha scored 20 points

against New Zealand in Wellington. But many remember Oxlee's feats against the Wallabies at Ellis Park in 1961 as his finest hour. Some 60,000 fans gave the master a rousing standing ovation when am-bulance men helped him from the field after a spectacular final-minute try that bumped the home score up to a record-breaking 28-3.

Oxlee had taken a succession of Keith Oxlee, rugby player and heavy knocks but had refused to

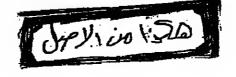
In 1962, Oxlee hroke the Spring- wards the end of the match was in such a daze that he had to move to centre. Lesser players would have hampered their team's cause by remaining on the field in such a mess but Oxlee's instinctive genius prevailed throughout the match and he was the architect of wave after wave of creative attacks.

> Keith Oxlee was a supremely fit sportsman throughout his life. Following a rugby career spanning 1955 to 1971, in which he made 102 appearances for Natal, he went on to complete two Comrades Marathons - 52 miles from Durban to Pietermaritzberg - and became an accomplished lawn bowler.

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# The Countess of Oxford and Asquith

ANN OXFORD led an adventurous and varied life until well past middle age. She was the daughter of a diplomat, and grew up in Japan, China and Bucharest, among other places; helping her father decode his diplomatic hreaking work at Bletchley Park during the Second World War Later, in the WAAF, she was posted to Palestine, and her travelling continued as the wife of a colonial governor in Libya, Zanzibar, South Africa, along with the Greek gov-St Lucia and the Seychelles.

As well as her great physical beaupendence and originality of mind, and for the high standards of behaviour and manners which she set herself, and expected of others, though this in no way reduced her sometimes irreverent generosity: visiting a newly married nephew, she immediately handed his wife a dress which she had just bought for herself, as well as the handsome wedding present that she had brought with

She was born Anne Mary Celestine Palairet, in Paris in 1916, soon after her parents had been received into the Catholic Church together in Notre Dame. She inherited from them a vigorous faith which was to remain her guiding light, and helped her to bear the cruel disablement she suffered in her later years as a result of two serious road accidents. Her mother, born Mary Studd, was a considerable beauty who was painted by Augustus John. Her father, (later Sir) Michael Palairet, was a diplomat of natural distinction, related to the two famous Somerset cricketing brothers L.C.H. and R.C.N. Palairet; but Ann would become a little weary of inquiries about these old heroes. She also had an improbable pair of connections of her mother's, the practical joker Horace de Vere Cole, and Mrs Neville

Anne spent part of her childhood at the home of her maternal grandmother in Ireland, and she retained a slight nostalgia for the Irish lifestyle of that time. But at the age of six she was taken with her parents to two postings in the Far East, where they survived the great earthquake at Tokyo in 1923 in which 300,000 people perished, and the Civil War in China soon afterwards. From 1929 to 1935 the family were in Bucharest when her father was Minister at the British Legation, and where she learned French at the Lycée and took the first part of her baccalaureat. Sixty years later, when her son-inlaw was posted to Romania, she greatly enjoyed revisiting her old home in the

When her parents were next posted to Stockholm, she finished her schooling in Paris before going on to St Anne's Impressed by Lord Oxford's skill at ture husband, Julian, the son of Ray- was heard to exclaim "Lordship mond and Katharine Asquith, and bloomin' Robin Hood".

grandson of the Prime Minister. His father had been killed in the First World War, and he had as a schoolboy succeeded him as second Earl of Oxford & Asquith in 1928.

When the war came, she was with her messages led eventually to code-parents at the Legation in Atheus. After the Germans invaded, they were evacuated, in company with the King. first to Crete, where they lived for a time in a cave, then to Egypt, and later to ernment in exile.

When they succeeded in returning to ty, she was remarkable for her inde- England, Anne Palairet's acute intelligence, together with her experience in decoding diplomatic messages for her father, equipped her admirably for code-breaking work at Bletchley Park Later, she joined the WAAF and tracked Gersense of fun and amusement. Another man air raids. In 1945 she was posted characteristic was her spontaneous to Palestine, and very narrowly escaped the bomb attack by Irgun Zvai Leumi on the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, where she worked. Anoth-er girl, who also worked there, had asked her to exchange their afternoons off, and while Anne was consequently off duty her friend was blown off the roof by the explosion into the branches of a nearby tree, but almost miraculously escaped serious injury. Partly perhaps, though not wholly, as a result of this experience, Anne sometimes surprised those who had had no direct knowledge of that country by her blunt views on the rights and wrongs of the Palestine

> Travelling by night on one occasion across Sinai with her future husband, their car broke down and Anne set off at once in near darkness to collect scrub from the desert to give enough firelight for their resourceful Arab driver to repair it. Their bodyguard and friend, a Bedouin who knew of their engagement, congratulated Lord Oxford in Arabic, saying "You couldn't do better, even if you were to choose a Bedouin wife"; a compliment she greatly treasured.

She and Lord Oxford had planned to women and children were compulsorily evacuated, and their wedding took place in Brompton Oratory in August. His work as Assistant District Commissioner had brought him into the Colonial Service Cater subsumed into the Foreign & Commonwealth Office) and the Oxfords were to spend the next 20 years very happily in a variety of exotic postings: first in Tripoli (1949-52), and next in Zanzibar, where the Sultan would wave genially to the small Asquith children from his scarlet open Daimler.

Next came St Lucia (1958-61), where victs from the local prison, wiekling machetes during their periods of exercise.



marry in Jerusalem early in 1947, but Lord and Lady Oxford at Mells in Somerset

Seychelles, which could only be reached. in those idyllic pre-tourist days, by two ships a month plying between Mombasa and Bombay. One of them, The State of Bombay, was often referred to as "The State of Decay".

Anne, with their children, would accompany her husband on their own sometimes perilous voyages to the remoter islands of the colony, seldom visited by their predecessors. They would they cultivated bananas, and where take with them a doctor and a priest to the extensive grounds of Government attend to the physical and spiritual House would be tended willingly by conneeds of those living there. One such vovage (of 600 miles each way) took them in a small boat to the Chagos archhusband's responsbilities.

Lanier, poet, 1881; John

Greenleaf Whittier, poet and

naturalist, 1892; Rene-Fran-

homme, poet, 1907; William

cois-Armand Sully Prud-

Raphaelite painter, 1910;

dra Dagmar Lawrence

Klasen), actress, 1952;

Charles Burgess Fry, crick-

eter, footballer and journal-

ist, 1956; Spring Byington,

film actress, 1971; Patrick

Baron Glenavy, writer and

Gordon Campbell, third

broadcaster, 1981; Liam

O'Flaherty, novelist, 1984.

On this day: the Genoese

defeated the Venetians at the

naval Battle of Curzola, 1298;

the French were defeated by

Napoleon defeated the Rus-

sians at the Battle of Borodi-

Prince Eugene at Turin, 1706; the French army under

no, 1812; the first known

reference to "Uncle Sam"

was in an editorial in the

Troy Post (New York), 1813;

the independence of Brazil

from Portugal was declared,

1822; Grace Horsley Darling

and William, her father res-

cued the crew of the For-

forshire steamship at the

Farne Islands, 1838; the

Peace of Pekin ended the

the British explorer Sir

Boxer Rising in China, 1901;

Francis Younghusband led

an expedition to Tibet, where

a treaty was signed with the

Dalai Lama, 1904; the "Black

Knight", a British ballistic

missile, was fired from the

Today is the Feast Day of

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Their last posting was the most dis- much to enliven the family home at tant of all, to Government House in the Mells in Somerset, and these visits were looked forward to there with great excitement. Anne Oxford's interests included a love of literature, both French and English, and of music and the arts, All her five children, the fruit of an enviable and successful marriage, received their early education at her hands and she brightened their lives, and those of all her friends, with her quick mind, her infectious enthusiasm, and her sympathetic understanding of the needs of others.

JOHN JOLLIFFE

Anne Mary Celestine Palairet: born Paris 14 November 1916; married ipelago in the British Indian Ocean Ter- 1947 Julian, second Earl of Oxford ters); died Frome, Somerset 19 Their infrequent home leaves did August 1998.

#### HISTORICAL NOTES

### Militant Islam in 19th-century Sudan

CONTEMPORARY SUDAN has been identified with scenes of suffering and famine, a protracted civil war, the harbouring of militant Islamic groups and the sponsorship of international terrorism. Last year the United States, alarmed by reports of repressive internal policies and destabilising activities abroad, imposed stiff economic sanctions on the Sudan. These concerns are uncannily reminiscent of the anxieties aroused by the domestic and external policies of the Mahdist regime in the Sudan over one hundred years ago.

The Mahdists, however, posed a much more overt military threat to their neighbours. Having risen in revolt in the early 1880s, the Mahdists annihilated an Egyptian army at el Obeid (November 1883), killed Major-General Gordon, the governor-general of the Sudan, in capturing Khartoum (January 1885), and effectively conquered the Sudan within about three years. In spite of the Mahdi's death in June 1885, they pursued the jihad under his successor, Khalifa Abdullahi, frequently clashing with the Christian regime in Ethiopia, fighting the British near Suakim, mounting an abortive invasion of Egypt in 1889, and periodically

confronting the Italians in Eritrea. Formally, Britain was concerned about the threat to Egypt but public attitudes were much more influenced by the desire to avenge Gordon, to suppress the slave trade, and to stem the spread of what Lord Salisbury would describe as the "false religion" of Islam. Such sentiments thrived on the tales of brutal repression, licentious living, and disaffection within the Sudan spread by prisoners who had escaped from Omdurman in the early 1890s.

Even so, British governments were all too aware of the risks, demands, and potential costs of invading a vast and inhospitable country. It was not until March 1896 when Italy made frantic pleas for assistance, following the rout of its army at Adowa, that Salisbury's cabinet approved a limited intervention. Thereafter it relied on the strategic foresight of Kitchener, his logistical preparations (including the laborious building of a railway across the Nubian desert in 1897), and the ability of his Anglo-Egyptian army to exploit the blunders of the Khalifa, eventually destroying his army at Omdurman on 2 September 1898.



The damaged Mahdi's tomb at Omdurman

The manner in which the campaign was reported perpetuated the popular impressions of Mahdism, sustained the crusading imagery of the campaign, and extolled the martial achievements of Kitchener's army, whose successes overlapped with the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and marked the zenith of Victorian imperialism.

A motley band of some 30 war artists and correspondents reported on the war. For much of the campaign they languished in camps, with information curtailed by Kitchener's secretiveness, their copy censored, and their movements restricted. Although a few were respected, many relied on sensational and imaginative writing, often based an secondhand accounts, not least the famous charge of the 21st Lancers at Omdurman.

They depicted the dervishes as cruel and fanatical, but also as a fearless and formidable foe; lauded Kitchener's methodical planning; and praised the courage and determination of the British officers and men. After the battle they found an appropriate symbol of Mahdism's destruction, sending home photographs of the Mahdi's tomb - the largest huilding in Omdurman and a place of pilgrimage - with

its cupola badly damaged by artillery shells. Although the Khalifa's resistance would not be stifled finally until he was killed at the battle of Um Dibaykarat in November 1899, Britain was able to curb the threat from militant Islam by imposing a condominium on the Sudan for the next 50 years.

Edward M. Spiers is the editor of the 'Sudan: the reconquest' (Frank Cass £17.50)

#### **GAZETTE**

#### BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

#### **DEATHS**

MAWBY: Tracey, aged 27. Follow-ing sudden death, funeral at Pal-grave Parish Church, Suffolk, Friday 11 September at 3pm. Friends welcome.

MILLER: Robert Henry William
(Bob), passed away suddenly,
after a short illness, on Wednezday 19 August 1998. Will be sadly
missed by wife Joan, son
Michael and daughter Susan.
Funeral service at Southend
Crematorium 2pm on Tuesday S
September. Donations to Little
Haven or Fair Haven Hospice.
All enquiries to A.W. Alden, 196
High Road, South Benfleet,
Essex 01268 793275.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES

CEATINGE: The memorial service for Sir Edgar Mayne
Keatinge CBE (Mike) will be
held on Saturday 19 September
1998 at St Michael and All
Angels Church, Teffout Evias,
Salisbury at 2.50pm and afterwards of Howard's House. Don
tions if desired for the Teffout
Parochial Church Council, c/o
LN. Newman Ltd, 55 Wincheste
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#### **FORTHCOMING** MARRIAGES

Dr A.J. Otley and Miss VL.R.M. Groom The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr J.A. Otley, of Pershore, Worcestershire, and the late Mrs Otley, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr C.R. Groom, of Willington, Derbyshire, and Mrs M.H.P. Groom, of Repton, Derbyshire.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Mr John Baxter, Head Mas-

ter, Wells Cathedral School, 59; Professor Malcolm Bradbury, academic and novelist, 66; Lord Charteris of Amisfield, former Provost of Eton, 85; Mr Kevin Curran, cricketer, 39; Mr J. Paul Getty II, KBE, philanthropist, 66; Mr Peter Gill, playwright and associate director, Royal National Theatre, 59; Mr Chris Green, former chief executive, English Heritage, 55; Miss Margaret Hampshire, former principal, Chel-tenham Ladies' College, 80; Miss Dianne Hayter, director of Corporate Affairs, Wellcome Trust, 49; Lord Jenkin of Roding, former MP, 72: Mr Elia Kazan, author and film director, 89; Sir Ian Kennedy, High Court judge, 68; Sir Douglas Lovelock, former civil servant, 75; Professor Sir Brian Pippard, Emeritus Professor of Physics at Cambridge, 78; Mr Michael Robbins, antiquarian and historian, 83; Sir Neil Shields, former chairman, Commission for New Towns, 79; Lord Stone of Blackheath, joint managing

director, Marks and Spencer,

56: Mr Graham Whetton,

composer, 71; Air Marshal Sir John Whitley, 93; Mr Bruce Yardley, cricketer, 51.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Queen Elizabeth I.

1533; Stephen Hales, botanist

and inventor, 1677; Georges-Louis Leclerc, Comte de Buffon, naturalist, 1707; François-André Danican Philidor, composer and chess champion, 1726; Thomas Coutts, banker, 1735; John William Polidori, physician and author, 1795; William Butterfield, church architect, 1814; John McDouall Stuart, explorer of Australia, 1815; Ferdinand von Hebra, dermatologist, 1816; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, statesman, 1836; William Friese-Greene, pioneer of the cinema, 1855; Anna Mary ("Grandma") Moses, primitive painter, 1860; George Herbert Hirst, cricketer, 1871; Clarence Michael James Dennis, poet and journalist ("laureate of the larrikin"), 1876; Dame Edith Sitwell, writer, 1887; Bruce Frederick Cummings ("WN.P Barbellion"), diarist and biologist, 1889; Lt-Gen Sir Brian Gwynne Horrocks. soldier and author, 1895; Sir John Anthony Quayle, actor, 1913; Group Captain Lord Cheshire, OM, VC, 1917: Peter Lawford, actor, 1923;

Deaths: Ferdinand IV ("El Emplazado"), King of Castile and Leon, 1312; Frederick IV, King of Germany, 1493; Fardinand II, King of Naples, 1496; Catherine Parr, sixth wife of King Henry VIII, 1548; Henri Desmarets, composer, 1741; Hannah More, author and evangelist, 1833; Sidney

Charles Hardin ("Buddy")

Holly, rock singer, 1936.

#### ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

al Air Show, Hampshire. Gertrude Lawrence (Alexan-Prince Edward, President, Commonwealth Games Fedfor the XVI Commonwealth

> The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at

#### **LECTURES**

Victoria and Albert Museum: Polly Elkin, "Architectural drawings by Robert Adam", 2pm.

#### **CHURCH**

Church of England:

The Rev David Bartholomew, Rector, Etton with Helpston and Maxey (Peter-borough): to be Rector, Burghelere with Newtown and Eccinswell with Sydmon-

aiso Rural Dean of Blofield (same dio-case).

The Rev Canon Samir Habiby, Rector, Hineswille St. Philip, Georgia (ECUSA): to be Priest-in-Charge, Leasenine Christ Church, Switzeriand (Europe).

The Rev Tim Herbert, Priest-lo-Charge, Thanington, and Director of Ordinarias (Canterbury): to be Principal, Carliste and Blackburn Diocesan Training Insti-tute (Carliste).

The Rev Andrew Keep, Assistant Chap-lain, Cranleigh School, Survey: to be Chaptain, Wells Cathedral School.

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Farnborough Internationeration, visits Kuala Lumpur itor of a new economics and business unit.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Horse Guards, 11am.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been announced by the

The Rev Vivien Ethnick, Priest-In-Charge, Burlingham St Edmund with Lingwood, Strumpshaw with Essing-ham and Buckenham (Norwich): to be also Rural Dean of Blofield (same file-

Cloud or Clodoald, St Grimonia, St John of Nicomedia, St Regina or Reine of Alise and

## Birt's revolution: snap, crackle, but will it pop?

MONDAY MORNING on the seventh floor of Television Centre, home of BBC news and current affairs. It feels like the begin-

ning of a new school term. Two of the BBC's most prestigious recruits are starting work the columnist Polly Toyn bee has been wooed from The Guardian to become the corporation's first social affairs editor, while Daniel Jeffreys, former chief economist of the stockbrokers Cazenove, has stepped off the City's golden escalator to become, at 32, ed-

The tall, narrow building throbs continuously with drilling noise, as builders prepare the rooms, between Newsnight and Breakfast Time, which will house three new specialist groups of reporters. These experts, recruited in a summerlong flurry of appointment boards, are expected to play a crucial on-screen role in the corporation's future bid to provide a more informed radio and television output on foreign affairs, social policy, business and politics.

"Everywhere you go, the change is starting to be apparent," enthuses the news and current affairs controller Ian Hargreaves, 37, who was recruited from the Financial Times nine months ago and has played a key role in spotting outside talent, and advancing others from within. "We are still at the beginning of things, but there is the change, on air."

One year ago, John Birt started out on his controversial and ambitious five-year crusade to reform the BBC's journalistic output. The former London Weekend Television executive itor", where to direct a story September 1988

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Maggie Brown assesses John Birt's progress a year into his crusade to reform the journalistic output of the BBC

who rose to power as deputy Director-General of the BBC found little to admire in the corporation's output and far too few serious specialists on its staff. Daily news programmes and more leisurely current affairs were finally merged into one coherent operation. A cadre of youngish executives, a news and current affairs directorate. was set up to manage and monitor BBC journalists, and their output. An extra £62m for news and current affairs (to be spent over five years) was squeezed out of a contracting corporation.

The problem in assessing the state of the Birt changes up until now has been the scanty programming to show for all the missionary zeal. The Nine O'Clock News has found a new affection for graphs, and, in recent weeks, an able Northern Ireland correspondent. Newsnight has a tougher edge. Each BBC news programme has its own editor, an influx of outside affairs programmes. And, from this autumn, television correspondents will be able to discuss with Tim Orchard, the recently appointed "in-take edidea or feature from the Nine O'Clock News to Panorama.

John Birt remains the key theorist, the presiding spirit of BBC news and current affairs. But, last July, he voluntarily handed all day to-day control to his deputy the BBC news stalwart Ron Neil. Birt's new distance from ex-

ecutive control of news and current affairs does not seem to signal a reversal or retreat from the values he wishes to implant of "accuracy, impartiality and fair-mindedness", for these are adhered to with equal zeal by Neil and his directorate recruits. Birt is a relentlessly determined man devoted to creating administrative systems as a hulwark against human failings. He says: "The changes in the output will take a long time to work through." The bitter opposition to Birt has abated to some extent: there is relief at the firm way in which political attacks have been handled. "There is still a lot of cynicism about, but I don't think it will stop anything. And nor should it." says one senior BBC

Television newsman. One long-term test of Birtism at the BBC will be whether its output rises above and beyond decent competence. "At its best, journalism should crackle and sizzle with discovery," said John Birt in his Royal Television Society lecture "Decent Media". Ian Hargreaves picks up the theme: "We think the introduction of new people. recruits are editing key current a new way of doing things will irriect that crackle. If it doesn't we have failed."

> From the Media page of The Independent', Wednesday 7

Wyndham referred confus-

THE ATLANTIC disaster reminds us that a useful word is also lost. Jets were once "aeroplanes", a Croydon luxury .

In 1920 Blackwood's Magazine asserted that "the perfected aeroplane is the obvious instrument to suppress war", but in 1896 Invention asked "why not call it airplane?" In 1928 the

#### WORDS CHRISTOPHER

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BBC did so - ahead of the US Forces Dictionary which, in 1951, said that this had long been American usage. That same year, John Aeroflot's.

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ingly to a jet aeroplane. With some new word for ungainly 747s, let us revive jet: a large ladle, to parade. to bray, to revel, even to loosen sand and to assume a pompous gait - or, of a bird, to move the tail up and down - the fate, alas, of many a jet, especially

# I know my father died of drink. I watched him

Her father died in agony after years of drinking, but alcoholism was not recorded as the cause of death. Why? By Rosie **Brocklehurst** 

alcoholism but I cannot prove it. I July 1982, when my father had been in intensive care for three days and the plug was pulled on his life, alcohol was the cause of his death. I cannot prove it because nowhere on his death certificate is alcohol even mentioned.

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My father's death is not included in the statistics of alcohol-related deaths in England and Wales for 1982. In that year, the official number of alcohol-related deaths in England and Wales was put at the very low figure of 2,624. Those statistics are not going to put alcoholism very high 'up on anybody's agenda, or shock the nation for that matter, but those statistics are wrong.

Alcohol is no respecter of persons, of internal organs or of bodily functions. But although research has improved since 1982, and official statistics have risen, there still exists a web of denial, ignorance and confusion in assessing the true picture of alcoholism, illness and mortality. Difficulties in collection of data, collusion between families, individuals and the medical profession which incorporates the stigma still associated with the word "alcoholic" are factors in masking the problem's real nature. If someone dies from could also be used as paint stripper. alcohol-related causes, it is unlikely to appear on the death certificate.

The debate within the medical profession – and within society as a whole - about the effects of alcohol abuse is based on poor understanding fuelled by inadequate research: an area as murky as the dregs in the bottom of a bottle of inferior plonk. How do I know what killed my fa-

ther? Because I was there. I was there for years. I brought him his last bottle of strong liquor. He was not eating then. He could not. He was in terrible physical and mental pain. I witnessed his physical and mental decline over a period of years as he drank his way through a minimum of two bottles of Scotch a day. He never mentioned suicide, but his life was ebbing away pitifully each day. It was not just the physical disintegration but also the mental degeneration that was so horrific. His spirit

In the two years before his death. my father's hody was bloated, and his skin a greyish colour. His face was jowly and ill-kempt. His eyes were hulbous and yellow. He could not walk without extreme pain in his legs. He smoked, but this was not all to do with smoking. It is known that



William, on the far right, succumbed to alcoholism as a middle-aged husband and father living in the family home

chronic alcoholism causes polyneuropathy - tender calf muscles, discomfort in walking, numbness, weak legs, tingling in feet and hands and can lead to paralysis of the legs.

His name was William, and be had once, some 30 years before, been a fit and wiry fitness instructor in the RAF. At the age of 45 be was made redundant, and dealt with his anxiety and disappointment in life with drink. He moved the family to a house next door to a pub and when he was not drinking there, he was brewing up pear wine and consuming it before it had fermented. It was the kind of stuff you used to get under the counter in the Gorbals. Moonshine. 100 per cent proof that

The violent mood swings, such a consistent pattern in the early years of his drinking, in the later stages. changed to an all-envelor pression. As his body and his mind weakened he withdrew into a space few could penetrate. He spent most of his last days in a council bungalow, staring into the middle distance. His memory came and went.

He began to believe that he had fought in the Second World War, when in fact he had not been old enough to do so. This type of confabulation is documented. Extreme cases are known as "Korsakoff's Psychosis".

On a hot July day in 1982, my father was found by a friend of the family who was passing by his home. He was sitting naked and shivering on a kitchen chair. He had removed all his clothes for they, like every sheet and towel in the house was covered in a foul bloody liquid, which he was passing from his howel and mouth. The family friend recalled the look of abject fear on my father's eyes as the ambulance took him to hospital.

That was the last time anyone saw him conscious. Soon after arrival at the hospital his oesophagus ruptured and his stomach erupted.

His brain was monitored in intensive care. It had been severely damaged. He was 56 years old when be died. In the Liver Unit of King's College

Hospital, it is the nurses who witness most of the agonising death throes of the alcoholic patients; the foaming at the mouth in alcohol-induced epileptic fits, the swelling of the brain from inflammation. If the patient survives then he or she may become one of those placed in a psychiatric



**RAF** fitness instructor

hospital, the so-called "wet brains" who do not know who they are or where they have come from, and whose brain damage is irreversible. For those with chronic liver disease who are in physical agony, a painkiller may not always be administered because death may be caused by the drug itself.

All death and its details make grim conversation but there is a particular aura of shame and taboo which surrounds the subject of alcobolic death. Moreover, the medical terminology used to describe physical states leading to death shrouds the subject further with clinical objectivity, and removes the emotional shock from a general public who might wish to avoid hearing about the gruesome details. The horrific nature of the alcoholic death - from cerebral atrophy or liver disease for example - is confirmed by Dr Sarah Jarvis of Alcohol Concern's medical committee. "It is, without doubt, one of the most unpleasant deaths imaginable," she says. "Of course it is the hardened alcoholic who ends up in hospital - the hopeless case - and I think this gives doctors a very distorted view of the whole subject of alcoholism in our society,"

But why is it the case that accurate statistics are so hard to come by? Dr Peter Anderson of the World Health Organisation says: "There is reticence on the part of the medical profession to put alcobolism down as a cause. This is perhaps partly to do with a certain ambivalence in the profession, because of the way alcohol is used by the profession itself. There is also the added desire to protect the family afterwards from the associated social stigma."

or jarvis agrees and say collusion has meant it is hard to come up with accurate statistics. Researchers have had to develop systems of analysis of an epidemiological nature, by looking at the relationship between drink and ill health or accidents related to alcohol consumption.

"A lot of death certificates are written out in the primary health care setting where the doctor will have known the family. The truth might strain the doctor-patient relationship." There may also be financial reasons. Lucy, is an example of what often happens. Her busband died in a London hospital at the age of 29. He had fought a battle with drink for nine years. Lucy accepted he was dying of al-

coholism, but it did not appear as the cause of death. If it had, it may have jeopardised the life insurance which enabled her to pick up the pieces of her shattered life after his death. Statistics do matter. 100,000 a

year is the figure for smoking-related deaths. But Drs Jarvis and Anderson agree it is easier to assess smoking-related illness, and even with changes in attitudes, there is not the same social stigma associated with smoking oneself to death. Part of the problem is recognising early signs in the pathology of the patient, Many illnesses caused by alcobol could have been caused by something else.

Despite the commonly held belief that the consequences of alcohol misuse are well understood, expert evidence suggests this is not true. Figures vary between 4,000 and 40,000 deaths per annum in England and Wales. Dr Anderson quotes a figure of 28,000 deaths (Lord President's Report, Action on Alcohol Misuse, 1991).

It is these statistics, of course, which when waved in front of Government Health Departments influence the importance assigned to

Since the University of York's Centre for Health Economics report in May 1992, which put the annual alcohol-related mortality rate at between "8,700 and 33,000", there has been no change in the statistical data. But more recently the Government has proposed, in its Healthier Nation White Paper, a strategy designed to tackle the whole issue. Alcohol Concern is in the process of developing a body of work which will help to inform that strategy. Perhaps the key statistics here are financial. Alcohol misuse costs British industry an estimated £2bn per annum; and alcoholrelated crime costs an estimated £50m a year.

It is to be hoped that financial considerations will influence strategy in such a way that death and alcohol become a more transparent subject. We must overcome our squeamishness and shame. It is the tragic human consequences of such illness and death which needs to be revealed if more lives are not

IN THE STICKS STEVIE MORGAN

### Luck and the lost lizard

YOU KNOW those September storms you get some years when the clouds erect a modesty board between you and the sunshine, and you think: "Oh no, that Il be the summer going then." I got the same feeling about Offa's Truck smacking our car. "Ob no, that'll be the good luck going then," I felt a chill, the sort of draught you get from guardian angel wings when they nip off to the beach for a couple of millennia of celestial surfing. And for a few days it looked like I was right: here came the first little ripples of an advancing weather front of Bad Luck; a season of lost keys, exploding

boilers and vengeful exhusbands. It started with Buster's geckos, Carol and Borborski peoble-patterned lizards about the size of a padded dessert spoon. Normally, they are slaves to habit, and visit the features of their little universe - rock, bowl, log - in a sequence as strict as the beads on a rosary. Their tank world is as sufficient for them as a flat planet to a medieval priest. They are not the natural Magellans of this world. Until last Tuesday when Carol hit some sort of reptilian mid-life crisis ("Why wasn't I a crocodile?" "Does my life have a meaning without eggs?"), and got out in to the big wide world of Bedroom and

distraught. He did the rosary - rock, bowl, log, rock, bowl, log, rock, bowl, log ~ until he was so tired be just lay on the bottom of the tank like a dead leaf. Buster was in an even worse state. as Celtic Melancholics are no good in a crisis and within 20 minutes of Carol's disappearance he was collapsed on his bed:

Upstairs. Boborski was

"Nothing ever goes right. My whole life is going to be like this!" Yeah, that's right: never mind marriage, jobs and children, it'll just be one long round of lost reptiles. While he wailed, Doug, behind and in everything. We could have been Special Branch looking for a murder weapon. But Carol had clearly found no dragons at the edge of the carpet and gone to find the North West Passage.

Then, while Buster and Boborski were still in a state of shock, Roz's terrier Lil went missing. Usually, Lil limits berself to days out at the Girl Guide Camp acting like a dog in high heels and getting paid in bacon rinds. But this was serious. Lil had gone on a major fact-finding mission down a badger sett up the road, and badgers don't care to be interviewed by terriers. They take it rather like a Brooklyn Mafioso would take a social call from an FBI stooge.

By the time Roz rang, Lil

had been gone for two days. and we suspected the badger equivalent of a concrete overcoat in the

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East River. We all took it in turns to call down the holes for her and even took Dog up there to sniff her out - as Dog and Lii are long term lesbian lovers. We spent a rather embarrassing morning yelling "Li-il" into every hedgerow between here and Scrungeton, but she didn't

And then, just when I was thinking that Lil's loss was the third bad thing and we might now be safe, Bob and Dolly called to discuss Doug buying the field. Buster's melancholic pessimism had got to Doug.

"Either they want another 20 grand, or they've got planning permission to build a nuclear reprocessing plant on it," he said, predicting the coup de grace to his plans for a poly tunnel empire. We tensed. ready for a fight, crashed cars, escaped reptiles and lost dogs. Hah! We were hardened; we could talk

We didn't need to. Bob didn't yell once, or tell us anything about mole-killing. He let Dolly do the talking. In 20 minutes we had agreed the price, the fencing and the access. Bob's only contribution was to offer to bulldoze us a new gate. Shocked, we toasted the deal in all we had available -Russian brandy (which doubles as paint stripper) and pink grapefruit squash. After they'd gone, we sat

in the kitchen, stunned, poly tunnel dreams reinflating above our heads like balloons, The phone rang. It was Roz, "She's back. I went up to the sett with a chocolate digestive and she crawled out. It's a case of Border's Bottom Bitten By Badger. She'll live."

So maybe the surf at the eternal beach wasn't up, and the angel was returning with a dry board, and time

We went to bed after we the brandy. Flicking on the bathroom light, who should I see on a voyage across the bathroom floor but Carol. With my consciousness nicely uncoupled by the alcohol, I did just the right thing. In one movement, my T-shirt was off and wrapped round Carol's protesting little body. All my attempts to impress Doug, from shaving my legs to answering questions on Never Mind the Buzzcocks. were as nothing to the effect that gecko catching had. "Wow," he said, putting his arm around my waist, "that was amazing."

Funnily enough, Carol's new, adventurous image seems to have done wonders for her sex life. I noticed three eggs buried in the tank this morning.

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Continued from page 1 enjoy life again. Would you like to meet her?" Okay, I say.

Off we go, back though reception, and past Vertigo, who only works part-time and is about to go home. "I'm going to bike home. I saw specialist after specialist, none of whom could do anything for me. I don't know what I'd have done without Jack." Out the clinic door, then a quick tour of the Neolithic stone circle. Each of the 16 stones represent a part of the human body, he explains. "My pendulum told me which stone was for what." The stones have, he says, tremendous bealing qualities. If I was to sit in front of the lymphatic stone for half an hour it would do me no end of good, I am told. The stones, he says, "contain the evidence and wisdom of thousands of years, when our ancestors understood the universe and its energies and harnessed its power." Oh come on, Jack, I say. During the Neolithic period people could die from stubbing their toe. And they had a life expectancy of what? Seven? "Oh no," he protests. "My pendulum

then lived to 240." On to meet Blanche, who is,

apparently, something of a dowser herself, although with a different field of expertise. "She is good at missing children and crystals." Blanche does not, it transpires, live with Jack. Jack lives in a house at one end of the field while Blanche seems to live in some kind of shed attached to the back of the clinic. An odd living arrangement that is never fully explained beyond "poor Blanche can't manage stairs anymore". We knock on the shed -"Blanche, a visitor for you!" and enter. Blanche is sitting in a corner with a pink scarf on her head, surrounded by a great jumble of bad novels and scrapbooks in which she seems to collect obituaries. She is small and frail, with bad teeth but very soft-looking skin. "I never use soap, do I Jack? I don't even use tap water anymore. The smell of chiorine! I wash in Ballygowan, don't I Jack?" "Yes, you do," confirms Jack.

Blanche does not look like she is enjoying life very much, has told me that people back frankly. She says: "I can't get out

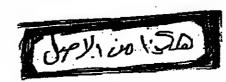


Shoppers follow Jack around Waitrose, picking up tips

today because I'm working on the core of my lightning problem." Jack says: "Yes, she's working on the core of her lightning problem." Blanche says: "And it's a long job, even though Jack's dowsed me some rock from the West Country to pull out the lightning." I say, "Nice to have met you, Blanche". She says, "Do you want to have a look at some of my obituaries?" I say I really must go. "It's a long job," sighs

I thank Jack for his time, saying I bave enjoyed myself, which I have in a way. Then it is back down the Wendy Craig lane, taking my darkness and aura defect with me, wbile keeping an eye open for an upturned bike and possibly Vertigo, in case she couldn't make it home after all.

Then, on the train back to London, I do a bit of natural dozing. It's easy. All you have to do is tip your head back and go



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# I'm her mother, not her friend

## A FAMILY AFFAIR

EDWINA CURRIE RECALLS HER REACTION WHEN DAUGHTER DEBBIE, THEN AGED 15, REVEALED SHE HAD LOST HER VIRGINITY

Currie was born in Liverpool in as her friend I am not a friend, I am 1946. Her daughter Debbie, 23, is a a mother. Mates go along with television presenter for LIVE TV things, join in conspiratorially, exand lives in London. While in their plore things together I am not local supermarket Debbie announced to her mother that she had recently lost her virginity. According to Edwina, they have never visited a supermarket together since.

Edwina

was Sainsbury's in Kingsway, Derby, and Debbie must have been about 17 or 18 years old - she was still at school I cannot remember why we were talking about sex and life, except that you do not get much opportunity to chat with your teenage daughter.

I can remember discussing which kind of fish and soup to buy. We were picking things off shelves and also looking at make-up - both my daughters spend a great deal more on make-up and creams than I have ever done. When she told me, I think I said something rather hland like "I hope you enjoyed it". I was not too impressed it had happened when she was 15 years old. I was afraid she was a bit young and might have been taken advantage of by someone. But by then she was substantially taller than me and towering over me so I felt in no position

to remonstrate. have come up if Debbie had not wanted it to. I think she wanted to and watched videos and drunk too talk about it. Picking a time was much and the conversation came up probably difficult because I was so husy. I suspect she was also trying to shock me a hit and trying to tell me she was not a little girl, which certainly got the message home. It are very cool and very open. They also meant that I could not question are both of the opinion that too lither in too much detail as we were surrounded by other people.

I was determined not to be censorious. I did not drop the eggs or be that huge. walk off in a huff. I felt I was fairly adult in dealing with it. I was a bit gobsmacked, I have to admit, especially at the way she had chosen expect when you draw up your

I was also astonished that, for her, it was a fairly natural subject for discussion - It was not the sort of thing you discussed in my day. I versation starter, like, "Actually It showed she trusted me. I suspect she was trying to test my values: was I curious, was I despairing, did I want to know more? I also think she was quite proud of it - she was boasting a little. I felt it was important not to make it a big issue.

But when Debbie began to talk more intimately about the experience I stopped her right away. I was curious because she clearly did not regard me as most people regard their parents, which was hoth

Writer and broadcaster Edwina frightening that she would treat me going along with that, especially since the darker corner of modern life is not to my taste.

I cannot remember Deborah confiding in me before the episode in Sainsbury's, although after that she somehow started to treat me as a pal. What matters most to me is how things feel for her. I will listen to that side of it and perhaps ask questions when appropriate.

Whenever my daughters phone up and say "I'm in trouble", my first question is "Are you pregnant?" and they fall about laughing and say "Nothing like that".

One thing I did after Deborah confided in me was consciously set out more time to be with my daughters and to see them separately - I felt Debbie wanted time aside to be treated as an adult. I also had to accept that she had grown up and was old enough to take her own

Debbie

he deed happened during my final term when I was about 15 or 16 years old. It did not come out of the blue when I was telling mum. I think she had been asking how my weekend had gone: I do not think the topic would I had met a boy at a summer party. We had gone to another boy's house via that, I think I said: "And by the way, something quite exciting happened." I did not mind telling her because it is her. Both my parents tle knowledge is a very dangerous thing and that if you have got all the information, your mistakes will not

Telling her like that was a bigger deal to everyone else than it was to me. Losing my virginity was quite exciting and it was something I her moment. It is not quite what you wanted to share with her. When I told her she went quiet for a bit and

Losing my virginity was not a big deal either. I do not remember seeing it as anything other than a conappreciate, on the other hand, that something exciting happened to she was able to be so open with me. me". At that age, we still wanted to get it over and done by the age of her - the age of consent is neither here nor there. It is whether you feel ready at the time.

She had always said: "Do what you want, but use a condom." As long as she felt we were doing it safely, she would never preach.

So many of my friends cannot talk to their parents about sex - they still see their parents as "adults". When



consent. I do not think that worried Debbie Currie: I still talk to Mum quite freely about my relationships with guys. Basically, we are two single girls living in London.

great listener.

Even at that age, when everything was very up and down and adults were viewed as the enemy a lot of the time, I saw both my parents as my best friends. It was almost easier to share things with Mum than it was with friends beit comes to chatting to my mum I cause there was less prodding and warming and scary. It was almost have never felt like that. She does competition. And being in the pub-

trust everyone around me. Mum for me. But on a day-to-day basis, also knows that she can confide in me for the same reason. I think there is a deep bond of trust be- I wasn't seeing too much of her and tween us. Looking back, at the point I told her it was only a couple of years before she left government and we did not see anything There is a generation gap and she of her. She spent so much time down does see things differently. She is in London, although I knew if I was ever so slightly shocked by what

it was very difficult to keep up with her, so it was a period of my life when discussing things.

I still talk to Mum quite freely about my relationships with guys.

she will stop me if the details are sometimes she mourns the fact

that I have never found a boyfriend with a degree and concentrate on looks too much. When she was at university that was a hig deal, whereas I can see someone as bright whether or not they have got

not open up herself, but she is a lic eye means that I cannot always in real trouble, she would be there we get up to and gives advice from a degree. But mum thinks I could a totally different perspective - and do better than I have so far. We do have different ideas, which we talk about, especially since she has separated from Dad.

Basically, we are two single girls living in London, so discussing things with someone my age gives her another perspective - it helps both of us to see things differently.

hy is childcare such a major problem in this country? Everyone recognises that it is of central importance, yet Britain has the lowest levels of publicly funded childcare in the EU and there are no tax breaks for working women. Though one in two mothers with small children goes out to work, government funded daycare facilities are available for less than one in every 100 under fives. Despite initiatives to create financial incentives for employers to set up sponsored workplace nurseries, there are still only 600 in the UK.

The Government plans to introduce a childcare benefit in October 1999 but it will only assist families that earn £90 a week or less, and the cost of a registered childminder in London is about £100 per week.

How to find someone Call your local authority for a list of registered childminders, nurseries and playgroups and then ask your local social worker which ones she can recommend. If you are looking for an au pair, go through a registered agency which will

change the au pair if you have a problem within the first four weeks. This costs about £150. Many au pairs are placed with a family before they actually arrive in Britain. If you can interview an au pair who is already in the country, it

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usually means that they are unhappy with their current position and that can mean that either they, or their previous employer, were a problem. Make sure to check their most recent British references. H you are looking for a nanny, you can use a recommended agency but this can cost up to £500. Alternatively you can place an advert in The Lady, the TNT Australian Times, or the The Register.

Look on the the

noticeboard or place ads in local playgroups or libraries.

Childminders A childminder provides daycare in her own home for young children. Childminders must be registered with the local authority, who carry out an annual inspection. You do not need any formal training to register as a childminder. A full-time childminder costs about £100 per week and can only look after three children under the age of five at once.

A nanny does not have to have any qualifications and nannies do not have to register with the local authority. Some nannies will have a Cache diploma in nursery nursing (NNEB) but the right kind of experience with small children is as valuable. A live-in nanny earns about £200 per week and a live-out namy will cost about £250.

Au pairs/mothers' belos Au pairs should not be expected to take care of very small children by themselves. They are only legally allowed to work for 25 hours a week, but many are exploited and work much longer hours Mothers' helps work much longer hours, are cheaper than nannies (about £80 per week) and, as the term implies, the mother should be in the home.

In private nurseries, babies are looked after by trained nursery nurses. A full-time nursery place costs £150, including nappies and food.

Useful numbers The National Children's Bureau, 0171-843 6307; Working for Childcare, 0171-700 0281; The National Childminding Association, 0181-464 6164; Daycare Trust Childcare Hotline, 0171-405 5617

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# Lice need understanding

To control the parasites, we must get to know them. By Maurice Melzak

for thousands of years. Expressions such as feeling lousy, nitwit and nit-picking refer to this long association. But today Britain is facing an epidemic of head lice - and children are bearing the brunt of the explosion. Dr Tony Downs, a Bristol-based dermatologist, has found schools where nearly half the children have lice. Parents are spending millions on lotions which often do not work. The Government has no clear strategy, and health authorities offer conflicting advice; for poorly

HEAD LICE have been with us

This is good news for the louse. Head lice are mistakenly associated with poverty and dirt, so some people feel shamed by infestation. However, hair type or cleanliness do in Cambridge, was told to work not seem to be factors; the louse is an equal-opportunity parasite and finds the blood of children from the wealthiest

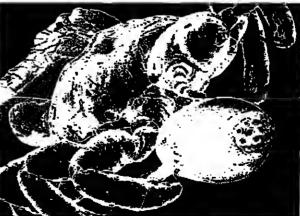
funded and busy health pro-

fessionals, lice, not being life-

threatening, are a low priority.

those from the poorest. In making my documentary on lice, I was surprised not only These are adults who are not by how widespread lice werehundreds of thousands of chil- will pass them to anyone who dren must be affected - but also by how little information there is. Scientists are not even

certain how they infect us. The lack of research has



filled with all sorts of myths. Most parents believe children get head lice at school, though even this view is contested by at least one expert. As a young researcher, Dr John Maunder, a medical entomologist based on lice as a punishment after upsetting a professor. But he found he like lice and has worked with them ever since. families as tasty as blood from Dr Maunder believes they are not caught at school but come from "asymptomatic" adults. even aware they have lice, yet

gets close enough. One of the higgest worries about lice concerns chemicals in treatment lotions. Most experts believe these chemicals created a vacuum which can be are safe so long as they are not ond treatment about 10 days

year, but doctors should be consulted before pregnant

women and babies use them. A major problem is that lice are becoming resistant to chemicals, leading to overuse of the treatments. When a lotion fails, one might, quite reasonably, try another product. However, many chemicals may have different names and make-up, but they are based on the same active ingredient. For example. Prioderm, Suleo M and Derbac M all contain the organo-phosphate malathion. If the louse is resistant to one, it is likely it will

be resistant to the others. Even if a lotion does kill adult lice, any eggs they have laid may live on to begin a new cycle. So one needs to do a sec-

hatch before they too lay eggs. One alternative to using chemicals is the wet-combing method, sometimes called "bug busting". It involves physically removing the lice from hair that has been soaked in conditioner. This scheme is based on understanding the life cycle of the head louse. If the first combing of the wet hair is done thoroughly, it will remove the adult lice but not the eggs. which are stuck fast to the hair. A strict regime of combingout, every three or four days for two weeks, should remove the lice that hatch before they manage to reproduce.

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There are also homoeopathic remedies, such as tea tree oil. In the US, olive oil is said to suffocate lice by blocking their breathing holes. Some people have found hair gel discourages the beasts, but there is really no quick fix. It seems that the best thing to do is to check a child's hair at least once a week by combing with the fine-tooth head-louse comb.

If you find lice, try a little detective work to find out where they came from - and be responsible: tell friends and relatives. If everyone did, it would help stop lice spreading.

Tacts of Lice', produced and directed by Maurice Melzak, is on Carlton tomorrow at

# Helping to mend broken China

Madame Mao would not approve of a show uniting artists from both sides of the cultural revolution. By Mark Pappenheim

n communist China, the idea of "doing things by the book" once meant only one thing: the Little Red Book, otherwise known as The Thoughts of Chairman Mao.
"Out with the old, in with the new" was another innocuous Western cliché that would have taken on sinister overtones at the time of the so-called Cultural Revolution, those three disastrous years during which the red-bound thoughts of the Chairman were so destructively realised m the blood-stained actions of his wife, Chiang Ch'ing. Out went the "Four Olds" - old ideas, old culture, old customs, old habits - and in marched the Red Guard and the fearsome Gang of Four.

A former Shanghai actress

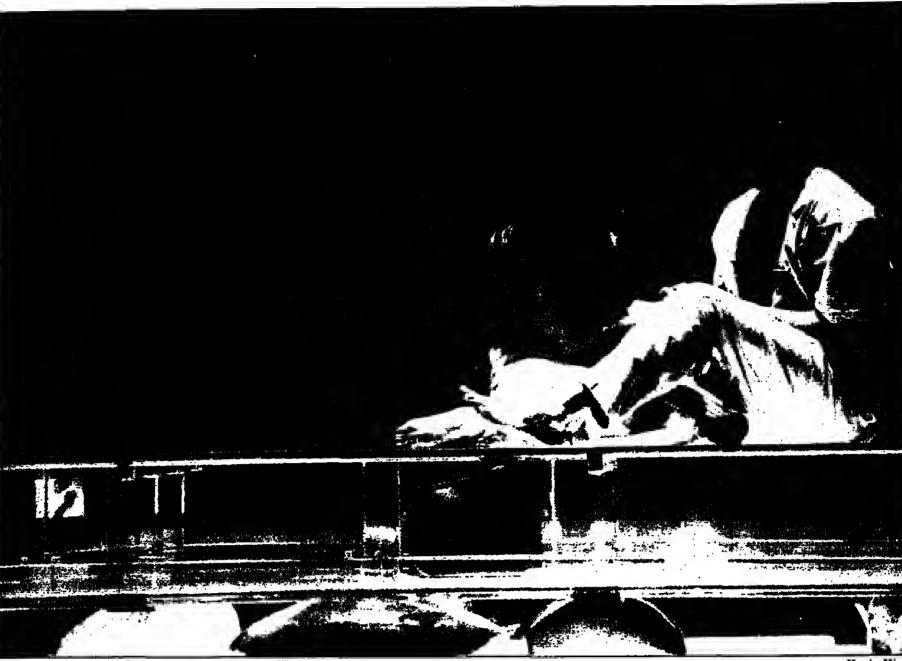
(under the stage name Lan Ping) Mme Mao made the "reform" of the Peking Opera her pet project: in place of the old "bourgeois" historical dramas and romances, Chiang Ch'ing herself devised five new revolutionary ballets, the most famous of which, The Red Detachment of Women, featured an all-singing, alldancing troop of the Red Women's Militia rescuing a poor peasant girl from rape and torture at the hands of a sadistic landowner on a torrid tropical island.

If that scenario sounds at all familiar to anyone who has been following the Barbican's cornuccian "Inventing America" season, it may be because the composer, John Adams, and the director, Peter Sellars, incorporated their own reworking of The Red Detachment into the central act of their now-historic headline-based opera, Nixon in China, the belated London première of which (11 years after the rest of the world got to see it) launched the Barbican Centre's year-long season

Sadly, that performance was only a concert version, so Londoners still haven't seen the trend-setting staging that first declared Sellars as one of the most exciting, thoughtprovoking and emotionally direct (if predictably controversial) directors of his generation.

And now, confession time. "I took the whole thing right out of a textbook," Sellars admits. "It's called Secrets of the Chinese Drama. It's by Celia R Zung, it was published in Shanghai in 1932, I found it in a rarebook store, and it was my Bible for about 10 years." So that's the book he did it by.

"I would take all kinds of things out of it," Sellars continues. "With Nixon in China, in particular, I followed the directions as meticulously as possible. I staged the whole thing as a giant Chinese opera. For the Mao and Nixon scene, for example, I simply used the clas- has only ever met (and slept with) they were designed to displace. ment, that the instigator of the is due not only to Sellars hut to the cussion accompaniments. Sellars. Theatre, Silk St. London EC2



Lauren Tom and Joel de la Fuente in 'Peony Pavilion'

operal approach to when two leaders meet. And, of course, what's reat is that, because people knew those images from television, nobody guessed that I was actually taking it straight from a Chinese Opera

It's not as simple as that, of course, as the infectious Sellars laugh betrays. But the director's "confession" does at least serve to convey something of the sense of life turning full circle and old debts being repaid that informs his latest project, The Peony Pavilion, arriving at the Barbican for a 10-day run on Thursday.

The story of Du Liniang (a girl raised from the grave by a lover she

is the acknowledged erotic masterpiece of the kunqu tradition and a classic feminist text. Written exactly 400 years ago, by one Tang Xianzu, it's just the kind of work that Mme Mao wanted swept from the Chinese stage. Coincidentally, it's also the first piece of Chinese theatre Peter Sellars saw when he visited Shanghai as a 24-year-old student in the early 1980s, "though, of course, I had no idea what I was seeing. I was just bumming around Shanghai looking for a theatre, walked into one, and this is what they were doing."

The irony is that Sellars was more interested in the Revolutionary ballets that Mme Mao had devised than in the kunqu operas sical Shanghai kunqu [Shanghai In her dreams), The Peony Pavilion Confession time again: "When I Peony Pavilion project, Mme Hua third collaborator in the project, meanwhile, initiates the first stage (0171-638 8891).

first graduated from university," admits a shame-faced Sellars, "I actually tried to stage one of the Revolutionary ballets in New York. And people were outraged. 'Don't you know that lives were lost over this?" they said to me. 'How can you put this on?' So I didn't. I cancelled it."

Or postponed it, rather For two years later it materialised within Nixon in China, "where we did our own version of The Red Detachment of Women, with, you know, the women all entering on pointe shoes, carrying rifles."

And here's a further rich comic irony of the kind that only a Cultural Revolution could throw up. For Sellars discovered, to his amaze-

Wenyi (the former director of the Shanghai Opera Company, a renowned Du Liniang in her own right, and the woman who, eight years ago, challenged Sellars to find a way of rescuing the kunqu tradition from obscurity) was one of the original rifle-carrying women revolutionaries in Mme Mao's pointe-stepping Red Detachment.

"It's one of Hua Wenyi's greatest roles," Sellars laughs, relishing history's little joke, "and she loves it! She loves all those revolutionary ballets! Because that's what she performed. It was out of the question to perform Peony Pavilion.

That Mme Hua Wenyi is now once again starring in the classic drama

by counterpointing the stylised artificiality of his two kunqu artists. Mme Hua and her colleague Shi Jiehua, with the naturalism of a matching pair of American actors performing the scenes in English Part 2, however, is something

of the evening's East-West dialogue

else - a full-frontal operatic assault in which Tan responds to the magical rituals and amorous couplings of Du's resurrection by unleashing a wild panoply of modern electronic effects and enhancements. samplers and synthesisers, while also having the benefit of a pair of real Chinese opera singers tincluding Ying Huang, star of last year's Madame Butterfly film) to set beside the Chinese Opera singers and Western thesps.

To describe Tan's score (with its

mixture of udo drums and rock drum-kit; Tibetan chant and Monteverdian melisma: Puccini-esque bei canto that suddenly soars into ecstatic oriental glissandi; strange atavistic howlings (the composer himself on tape) and ghostly Gregorian choirs) can make it all sound dangerously like the ersatz kieptomaniac kitsch of Karl (Adiemus) Jonkins. But, as Sellars rightly insists, the difference is that, for Tan, it's not "quotation" - not just the musical equivalent of the supermarket trolley dash - but lived experience.

It was Tan's first hearing of Beethoven, as a 19-year-old student in Peking, that made him decide to become a composer At the same time, to his generation of young Chinese, rock music came to represent all the hopes that were finally to be dashed in Tiananmen Square. And, long before that, it was thanks to the Cultural Revolution, while-Mme Hua was high-stepping with her rifle, that Tan's parents were sent back to the rice fields and he himself was entrusted to the care of a peasant grandmother, who duly taught him how to play the old erhu fiddle and initiated him into ancient village rites.

On the surface, Peony Pavilion must be Peter Sellars' least political work to date - a simple story of two people in love, a masterclass in contrasting acting styles, a celebration of the return of melody to modern classical music. But what, ironically could be more "political", in anyone's book than this coming together of Mme Hua and Tan Dun. two generations of Chinese artists - the one establishment, the other anti-establishment - who simply would never have met each other oo Chinese soil

'Peony Pavilion': 6.30pm on 10-12, 14-16, 18-19 September and 3pm Sunday 20 September, at the Barbican

# It's raining on Mike's parade

THE BRITISH have a great propensity to enjoy themselves whatever the weather. Staging the world première of Tubular Bells 3 in in Horse Guards Parade in central London was asking too much of the gods and, sure enough, it bucketed down on the 7,000 spectators. Surely not what Mike Oldfield had hoped for to launch his new opus, which sees the progressive rock maestro go back once more to the sweeping grandeur and pomp of Tubular Bells (the second instalment was at Ed-

inburgh Castle in 1992). The record that launched the Virgin label 25 years and 18 million copies ago has gone from htppie-must-listen to coffeetable status, and its minimalist Erik Satie-like motifs still send a shiver down the spine of

MIKE OLDFIELD TUBULAR BELLS 3

HORSE GUARDS PARADE

Exorcist aficionados, when they aren't cropping up on curious dance mixes.

Perhaps prompted by Rob Dickins, the head honcho of his label WEA, who engineered a makeover for Rod Stewart, Oldfield, the godfather of the amhient and new age movement. has upped sticks and gone to Ibiza to absorb some of the techno and hedonistic aspects of the club scene there. Rather than looking up Kevin Ayers, the quirky British singer-songwriter-now a Majorca resident with whom he first secured

teenager, Mike has ended up following the trance-dance route his old cohort Steve Hillage started exploring at the beginning of the Nineties. A rave, Balearic Tubular Bells, then? Not quite, but there are some dance rhythms and loops behind the opening and closing sections of the new work, which followed a shortened reprise of

the original. Tinkle tinkle went the famous piano and xylophone phrase, and the event took on messianic proportions as blankets of rain fell in front of the stage. Fittingly enough, Tubular Bells 3's central song and forthcoming single is called "Man In The Rain", and the thunderous effects of the intro detracted from its obvious sim-

gainful employment as a llarity to the 1983 hit "Moonlight Shadow".

> Backed by a 10-piece ensemble, including three percussionists (such as the in-demand Jody Linscott) and three vocalists, the bleached-blond. tanned, healthy-looking Oldfield doodled away and bent the notes like a virtuoso, soothing the corporate audience. When the trademark bells came, bang on 10pm, they provided a giant emotional release for the soaked spectators. However, it wasn't quite up to the regal setting of central London. Mike, next time, please, hold the waterworks and make it Notre-Dame de Paris in July! A version of this review appeared in some editions of Saturday's paper

PIERRE PERRONE

SCIENTISTS ARGUE that within 10 years we'll see computers

of superhuman intelligence. Pessimists say we will be lucky if they keep us as pets. Susan Collins, head of electronic media at the Slade, sees things differently. In Suspect Devices. a minimalist exhibition of projected images, the robot she presents is a clockwork cockroach under a dislodged floortile. The cockroach twitches on its back, emitting a stuttering hum. It is pathetically primitive. By critiquing the myth of smart technology, Collins calls

into question the practicality of our everyday machines, invoking CDs that judderingly stick; computers that bomb; paranoid car alarms.

Humour infuses the best of Collins' work. She once broadSUSPECT DEVICES

cast sighs, coughs and groans at Nottingham station to infuriate delayed passengers (she succeeded). Other earlier installations include nymphomaniac fruit canoodling while precariously perched on the toned body of a banana.

In Suspect Devices too, sex is a motif. A predatory camera tracks you, projecting a ghostly hand which fondles your stomach, creeps up to your chest and squeezes before swooping gracefully for the crotch. What makes the image especially disturbing is the fact

gropes your body. Only an ob- paperless society. When that server can -a voyeur's dream. Likewise the animated crea-

the Hunan-born, New York-based

composer, Tan Dun. Only last

month, the Proms presented Tan's

1997 symphony for the Hong Kong

hand-over, Heaven Earth Mankind,

in which the composer resurrects

the long-buried sounds of a 65-

strong peal of 2,400-year-old bronze

ritual bells, rediscovered in a Zhou

Dynasty warrior's tomb in Hubei.

In Part 1 of Peony Pavilion (the

story of Du Liniang's dream

courtship and death), Tan has per-

formed no less remarkable an

archaeological feat, hrilliantly re-

creating the imagined sound of an

authentic Sung Dynasty troupe

through virtuoso use of the human

voice and simple lute, flute and per-

Fatally flawed gadgetry

tures writhing rhythmically in a suitcase look designed to please a cold, lascivious eye. As the jaws of the case uncannily open, you blink and can't distinguish what is what. Then the two participants jump apart, revealing themselves as a pair of toy dogs. They grunt and sniff each other.

What do you make of the of an extremely dubious nature Richmond landscape projected upside-down hy a camera obscura? Initially nothing. But if you linger you glimpse a sprinting yeti that vanishes abruptly, and the scene returns to its dreamy calm shared by another item: a field of sheep trapped in a filing cabinet. It's

day dawns, asks Collins, what will we do with our office furniture? The cabinet functions absurdly as a conservation site for our natural heritage.

The one gadget that appears to have a practical purpose is the security camera. But no, according to the catalogue, it's merely to emphasise an interior that is not domestic but official and desolate - a lost

property hureau perhaps. Such prompts are valuable. Unless you look closely at Suspect Devices you miss the maglc of this huzzing menagerie.

At the Lea Gallery, The Lax Centre, Hacton Square, London NI until 3 October (0171-684 0201). Admission free. DAVID WILSON

# The perfect setting for a British success story

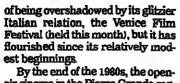
This year at the Locarno film festival in Italy, short films from the UK get the full monty. By Laurence Green

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THE LOCARNO international film festival resumed its affair with British cinema this year - it was here that Britain's most commercially successful film, The Full Monty, received its European première. Last month the spotlight once again fell on British efforts and, in particular,

Short film-making with a disundergoing something of a renaissance in the UK and shorts from Scotland and England have won the prestigious short film prize at Cannes over the last few years.

Locarno itself, nestling on the shores of Lake Maggiore, provides a splendid setting. Its annual film shindig, now celebrating its 51st feature of the latest crop of British



air cinema in the Piazza Grande regand last year 170,000 turned up to catch Locarno's mix of the latest tinctive regional flavour seems to be mainstream Hollywood films and low-hudget indies. It nevertheless remains one of the less unwieldy international film festivals.

As a student, Full Monty's director, Peter Cattaneo, premiered a short here which eventually went oo to receive an Academy Award, and this year organisers made a special birthday, has always been in danger shorts. Their instinct proved right



a near full bouse for the first programme highlighting the 30 British short films in competition.

and it was heartening indeed to see The programme ranged in

dysfunctional working class family (A Fly Went By) to a bizarre and seemingly endless tube journey with a collection of passengers from hell (Tales from the Underground). Among the most impressive films -Leopard of Tomorrow was the eventual prize winner - was John McKay's funny and poetic 13-minute Doom and Gloom, in which a miserably cold and windy Scottish island is transformed by a new trainee minister whose prayers are unorthodox, to say the least. Malcolm Venville's 11-minute Silent Film caught the eye too. The morning of her first baby's hearing test, a young deaf woman remembers how she defied her parents' wishes five years previously. Established the festival by three main features,



Stephen Frears

directors as Peter Greenaway, Stephen Frears and Mike Leigh also turned in short films. Britain was also represented in

Prize. Heading a strong cast, Julie Walters gives a feisty performance in this adaptation of Mary Costello's autobiographical novel about a Belfast bousewife battling against both the IRA and the British Army. Ken Loach's My Name Is Joe continued its run of appearances at this year's festivals, carrying off the

Audience award in the process, and Locarno also provided an early outing for Prometheus, a film adaptation of Tony Harrison's interpretation of Aeschylus's drama.

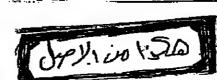
one of which, Roger Michell's Ti-

tanic Town, took the Ecumenical

Elsewhere, the festival proper opened with a commercial crowd. puller – the European première of Barry Cook and Tony Bancroft's Mulan, the latest from Disney, which

was screened on a baking hot evening under the stars in the Piazza Grande. The studio's latest fulllength animated feature deals, a lktie heavy-handedly, with an ancient Chinese legend, in which a young woman, the eponymous Mulan, disguises herself as a man and secretly takes her father's place in the Imperial army to defend the kingdom.

Animation appeared to have caught the imagination of the festival organisers who awarded Joe Dante an Honorary Leopard and gave his his latest film, Small Soldiers (a combination of live action and CGD, its European premiere. As for the serious gongs, the Iranian Dance of Dust collected the Silver Leopard, and Mr Zhoio, a Japanese film, was awarded the Gold Leopard.



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# Ina Here's something I prepared earlier

Cheap, quick and easy to make, TV cookery shows are a staple of the schedules. Here's a taster. By David Benedict

hether you are whipping up a snack, trussing a chicken, or merely stiffening some egg whites, cookery is a serious business.

Nowhere more so than on the small screen. TV cookery boils down to the simple question: why be a couch potato when you could be boiling, baking or mashing them with lashings of hutter and a sprin-

On every conceivable channel these days, professionals and rank amateurs are wrging us with them pots and paus make some noise with them pots and paus by hopping about in front of designer habe hearing away over bouillabaisse or urging us to "get out in that kitchen and rushing around the country in pursuit of ever more arcane culinary styles.

Last year saw meteoric TV stardom for stand-up comedy hostesses Mel and Sue. They clocked the fact that the kitchen is the natural home of post-modernism and promptly catapulted themselves into the hearts and minds of schedulers with their deliciously arch Light Lunch.

At the other end of the spectrum, Rose Gray and Ruth Rogers took this to its log-ical conclusion. Their River Café series was not about food, it was about shopping.

Most of us would think twice about splashing out on really good wine, let alone driving to the ends of the earth in pursuit of porcini and a wood-burning stove. (Although their hlissfully simple Lemon Spaghetti is a wow.)

Once upon a time, the accent was on calming the nerves of tentative housewives and gently widening the viewers' recipe repertoire. Now everything is predicated on the idea that "food is fur", a game for all the family. I blame Lloyd Grossman.

He taught us that food is competitive with the disgracefully watchable Mosterchef (I do, however, draw the line at Junior Mosterchef or "My mummy bought me a Le Creuset set for my tenth birthday. so there."

That begat Ready, Steady, Cook which in turn taught us not to be intimidated by the sorry collection of mismatched items in our food cupboards because Anthony Worrall Thompson is on hand to show us how to make a tasty dish out of three cabbages, an old packet of jelly and a dill pickle. The governing principle here isn't food, it's "entertainment" as epitomised by the hyperactive Ainsley Harriott who makes Rusty Lee look sended. His Cort Cook, Why Cook (owner age) and the time to knock out Won't Cook (or as some call it Con't Cook, Won't Watch) is the blueprint for the current hlizzard of TV cookery.

was the word and the word was jewellery.

I refer, of course, to the eye-boggling rings which, food hygiene be damned, adorned the pastry-rubbing fingers of Fanny Cradock (or Haddock as she was known. Cradock (or Haddock as she was known in our house). Fanny was the fierce head-

Delia is responsible for everything from identikit Christmas dinners across the land to major agricultural changes

mistress of the school once described by Findus as "Success on a plate".

Even her name is the result of stern resolve, Born Phyllis Primrose Pechey in 1909, her previous marital commitments meant that she could not marry Johnnie Cradock so she simply deed-polled her name to Fanny Cradock. She may not be the greatest cook ever but in terms of influence she leaves the competition standing. Mounted police were called in to control the crowds when she and Johnnie gave a second cookery demonstration at Edinburgh's Usher Hall which seats 2,500 people (another 500 salivating Scots stood).

That statistic pales when you consider that the pair of them held the attention of 6,750 people in the Royal Albert Hall with just three cookers and a spit. They had the kind of popularity that Richard and Judy can only dream of. Despite their boast of never having had a cookery lesson in their lives, Farmy and Johnnie patrolled the

And if you think that tie in merchandising is a Nineties phenomenon, you should know

10 novels and an autobiography. Emasculated Johnnie, meanwhile, was left in charge of the wine and barely spoke, al-

of the BBC's Zena Skinner. In soothing contralto tones, she took charge of family fare in the crucial six o'clock slot. And very successful she was too, if the number of secondhand Zena Skinner recipe books cluttering up your local Oxfam is anything to go by. Her reign came to an end because, like most things, food is subject to fashion. If you doubt me, look at spinach. In those days it came in cans and accounted for Popeye's biceps. Now it is wilted.

Assiduous telly addicts of 1975 might just recall the programme Deep Freezing. In the trade this is known as "Early Delia". The current patron saint of TV cookery, La Smith is nothing less than Laura Ashley in oven-gloves. She even has God on her side as her appearance in Song of Youth, part of Proise Be, will testify.

Delia, whose first name alone inspires slavish devotion, is responsible for everything from identikit Christmas dinners across the land to major agricultural changes. Had anyone seriously considered cranberries outside of turkey before she made them famous? Chemists could not withstand the consumer demand when she included liquid glucose in a particularly scrumptious Truffle Torte.

The modish programme style for the 1980s onwards consisted of what Eurovision entrants Bucks Fizz once described as: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." Everything went nationwide for location cookery in the hands of people like Keith Floyd and Nigel Kennedy... sorry, Gary Rhodes. (Same passion for football, same vowels, same hair, easy mistake). nation's mealtimes for decades on both ITV And do not forget the Two Fut Ladies, and BBC, in black and white and in colour whose old-fashioned exuberance about









Clockwise from the top: Delia Smith; Fanny Craddock and husband Johnnny; Nigel Slater and Gary Rhodes

bidicrously camp conceits of their shows. Our beleathered bikers have cooked for a lacrosse team, the boy scouts and, last week, nuns. Along the way we have had specialisation. The legendary New Zealanders Hudson and Halls were the Julian and Sandy of the dinner party circuit and alcoholic cookery was taken care of by The Galloping Gourmet aka Graham Kerr who has since forsworn the stuff having been born again. Madhur Jaffrey memorably

good food is almost smothered beneath the proved there's more to Indian cuisine than a Friday night vindaloo and has anyone ever seen Ken Horn without his wok?

Better still, Jane Asher beat Mary Berry hollow in the If I Knew You Were Coming I'd Have Baked a Cake stakes. There are times when you feel as if anyone who ever firted with a food processor is about to front a series. Why? Because these programmes are extremely cheap to make. After the costs of the concept, the set, and the star, you only have pay for the

crew, the ingredients and the gas bills and you can make it all back with merchandising. Voila! The perfect recipe.

And as for the final culinary frontier, there is always my long dreamt of programme on Jewish/Gay cookery: Bagelwatch. Mind you, Nigel Slater's latest book has a chapter on lamb headed "Juicy: young and well-hung".

Nigel Slater's 'Real Food' begins on Channel 4 this Thursday

# If the weekend starts here, then I do like Mondays

ITV's replacement for 'The Chart Show' is even worse than expected. It seems music fans of all ages are being short-changed. By Pierre Perrone

were dreading it, but it's proved posedly live music proved too much. worse than expected. CD:UK, ITV's Saturday morning replacement for decide whether it's called CD:UK or The Chart Show, has so far, in the pithy words of Jeremy Paxman on a recent edition of University Challenge, "trawled new shallows".

Ant McPartlin and Declan Donnelly, the young men formerly known as Ant and Dec, and Byker Grove's Blaxill (a Top Of The Tops veteran PJ & Duncan, gave the game away who should know better), conjuring when they admitted in interviews that the original proposal they took to ITV was for a one-hour show SMTV://Live to two hours of have Dr Pop spouting inane trivia cartoons, mayhem and sketches and make fun of him, we'll give Ant

MOST SELF-RESPECTING pop fans ing on a further 60 minutes of sup-The pop show, which can't quite

Countdown UK (the shrill submarine diving in an emergency panic-stations jingle shricks the latter), had the feeling of a proposal written on a paper napkin.

You could all but see producer Ric up a magic formula out of thin air: "Tve got it: we'll go live to a record shop and ask the record-buying pubat kids. Extending lic about their likes and distikes. We'll was already stretching it, and tack- and Dec a female sidekick, and Tunk

the London Television Centre."

Cue a series of vox pops, fronted Pop, Phil Swern – a Radio One producer who comes across like the bastard offspring of Fantasy Football

weeks", which gives an indication of the Brit Awards, the "feducer who comes across like the bastard offspring of Fantasy Football

Or maybe not. The cosy relation—

a catchphrase around the office. League's State and Capital Radio's ship between Ant and Dec's pro-Dr Fox. Cue a strobe effect, so fiercely blinding throughout Faith- acts playlisted on CD:UK leaves a lot teenagers but Another Level's hisless' rendition of God Is A DJ, it could to be desired; American teen sen-

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Girl creator Jamie Hewlett will draw tion. Cue moonlighting MTV pre- video has been featured two weeks a few murals to decorate Studio 2 at senter Cat Decley claiming Gothenburg is in Germany.

Whichever way you look at it, and CD:UK account. by two local DJs not even aware CD:UK couldn't conceivably be de-Radio One Mancunian double act. mitted move by ITV to brand the net-

duction company and some of the have triggered epilepsy in half the na-sation Jennifer Paige, whose Crush British Number One this year.

running, is promoted by the PR company handling the SMTV:// Live

Mind you, she inadvertently prothey're on live, reprising Mark scribed as "cutting out all the boring vided the show with its only memo-"Lard" Riley and Mark Radchiffe's bits" and "a very serious and comrable moment so far when Dec quipped "we've got a female lady" as All-season Maxwell asking Laura work as a home for music", as he introduced her While not quite in from Cumbernauld what she bought trumpeted in the press release. It's the league of seminal music TV motwice in the same day. Cue, as Dr an "unprecedented commission of 52 ments like Mick Fleetwood and Sam

Maybe I'm being too hard on this shopping-mall pop show designed for cious Freak Me is my favourite

The O Zone and Fully Booked are watched by students and adults as well as children. Given its basic approach - stack the videos and play them - The Chart Show bridged the generation and genre gaps and gave anyone with a passing interest in music a pop brief for the week.

Over-reliant on teenvoop and dance acts miming or at best giving live vocal performances on top of a DAT tape (with a token full-on live band thrown in once in a while), The Pepsi Chart, CD:UK, Top Of The Pops (though greatly improved under the guidance of director-producer Chris Cowey) are short-change ing music fans of all ages. Bring back the Chart Show, Now.



Ant and Dec of 'CD:UK'

# A staggering 2.2m lead over Gardeners' World for the gardening make over show, Ground Force. This can mean only one thing: trugs at dawn in the Blue Peter rockery...

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- 1	Ground Force 6.74
2	Gardeners' World
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4	European Athletics (Sat) 3.75
5	Rab C Nesbitt
6	Britain At War 3,67
7	Steptoe and Son
7	Looking Good 3.26
Q	European Athletics (Fri) 3.22
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Little changes in the garden that is ITV. Soaps predominate, game shows burgeon and efforesce. But what's this? The News At Ten, in with a builet at No.10?

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Family of Cops. Babysnatcher, Baby School and Family Affairs, no less than five times over - one begins to sense that Channel 5 is operating to an agenda

Programme	Total (millions)
- Family of Cops	2.21
Legacy of Evil	- 1.38
Babysnatcher	1.33
Money Plays	1.23
Family Affairs (Thu/Fri)	1.22
Baby School	1.20
Family Affairs (Wed/Thu)	1.16
Family Affairs (Tue/Wed)	1,15
Family Affairs (Mon/Tue)	1.02
Family Affairs (Frl/Sun)	0.99

Tilonic Line will have been a disappointment to Channel 4, considering the ballyhoo surrounding the show, and the excitable style in which it was made

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	- Friends	5.01
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	Titanic Live	4.10
	To Die For	3.52
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George Michael's done it. So has Noel Gallagher. It seems you can't log on these days without bumping into a celebrity in a chat room. By Melanie McGrath

t's official. Not only does George Michael sing, hang out in toilets and dance (sort of), but he gives good web chat, too. In an admirable display of keyboarding, Michael tapped out answers to 38 questions posed by some 9,000 fans who joined him at the end of July for a two-hour online chat. Fans as diverse as Denise van Outen and a hyphen from China turned up to the event, which became the largest music celebrity web chat ever.

Coming hard (as it were) on the heels of Michael's spectacular débacle in a Los Angeles loo, the event was a miracle of timing. It gave Michael direct, if virtual, contact with his fans at a sensitive moment in his career, and in what is often perceived as a more intimate format than radio, print or TV.

Celebrity web chats are becoming a regular feature of the online landscape, and it's not hard to see why. They offer both the celebrity machine-publicists, record or film companies, merchandisers - and the participating Internet service provider enormous opportunities for promotion, merchandising and ad sales while adding value to their web sites. According to Niall MacAnna, special events producer for Microsoft Network, which, together with record company Aegean, orchestrated the George Michael chat, the event added "thousands" of new osers to MSN's portal site, MSN Start, as well as hiking sales of CDs and merchandise on both MSN and Aegean's retail sites. MSN was also name-checked by The Big Breakfast and GMTV, which ran parallel feaarres and competitions.

"We had mentions in newspapers and radio programmes in the UK 13 million, which doesn't include the countries or the constant news re- decided to make the medium sing." ports on Radio 1, GLR and Capital," says MacAnna. Which was all good,

uhm, exposure for George Michael. Unsurprisingly, AOL, Virgin Net he celebweb act, hosting and sponoring web chats with stars as diverse as Noel Gallagher and Uri Heller. What is more surprising is hat only MSN has so far really run

Three of the largest celebweb vents ever staged - The X-Files, leorge Michael and James ameron, director of Titonic - have een developed, promoted and adninistered by MSN here in the UK. y MSN in the US is in part a tesament to the vision of MSN UK and 1 part a lucky geographical quirk. ompetition for stars is fiercer in the IS, and media outlets are more scatered. Whereas touring celebrities lay bypass MSN's headquarters in eattle, MSN UK is based in London nd so more accessible both to our

visiting movie and music stars. The MSN UK genius, though, is to have developed, in MacAnna's words, "commercially driven chat". In the past, ISPs relied on a TV model of content provision, producing high-value online "programming" in the hope of attracting viewers and advertisers. Chat rooms were the backstage areas - dark, neglected and often rather grubby spaces intended to provide added value for bored office workers, geeks and lonely hearts.

It's now clear that the TV model didn't work. The Net turned out to be better suited to many-to-many communication than to broadcast. Interactivity and multi-functionality became the watchwords and ISPs like MSN were forced to switch tactics, concentrating instead on pro-viding multi-function, content-rich

portals to here in the mouse potatoes.

The folk at MSN UK, while following the snazzy portal model, turned at the same time to the potential of snazzy chat, "No one else was really considering the possibil-

X-Files stars Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny tapped their responses to online questions in eight languages

ity that chat could provide the commercial edge," claims MacAnna. Celebrities would be the draw, but chat would actually be the business. slone that had a combined reach of Apromotional partnership with Hotmail gave MSN UK a link to 18 mil-Reuters news feed to 80 different lion active accounts. "And we

If all this sounds like opportunity pie, it is. In "going for the biggest ssible targets and hoping to get lucky", as MacAnna puts it, MSN had and CompuServe have also got in on nothing to lose. "Without wishing to be disrespectful, a webcast for Titonic uses more or less the same resources as [one for] Lee Hurst."

Other UK-based ISPs have been more tentative in their approach to celebweb chats. Virgin Net webcast events do carry advertising and, says James Cronin, Virgin's new technology manager, "we've had some effective sponsorship in kind. For our webcast from V98, for example, One-to-One gave us some of the . hat they were staged here and not mobile phone technology we used to webcast from the crowd and JVC gave video kit."

AOL has taken a different approach, tending to view celebweb as wholly a service to members. "We're a closed system and obviously that does limit us if a celebrity wants maximum access," admits Simon Raven, a producer at AOL UK. wn home-grown talent and to any Commercialising web chats is, he

says, "more of a future thing. We're testing the system out and getting a feel for what our members want."

So far, MSN UK's aggressive webceleb strategy appears to have paid off. Earlier this year, in the face of fierce competition from AOL in the US. MSN UK won exclusive rights to webcast The X-Files live chat. "We won because MSN is out on the free Internet and not behind an exclusive memhership enclosure, and hecause we were able to put a major global deal together to promote the event across all Microsoft properties and partner sites," says Niall MacAnna. The event became the largest single production ever staged by a UK ISP

In comparison with many of its predecessors, The X-Files webcast really was out there. In addition to ad banner displays across Microsoft properties like Game Zone, MSNBC and the MSN sites in the US, Canada, Australia, Japan, Germany, France and the UK, MSN co-promoted with Hotmail, giving it a combined reach of 21 million members and accounts in 242 countries. MSN also promoted the online event with X-Files owners, Twentieth-Century Fox. From there, publicity fanned out across the worldwide Murdoch media empire. "The X-Files Netshow, testing, ad banners, editorial support and so on had a media value of \$600,000," reckons

On the day of the event, four cameras filmed stars Gillian Andersoo and David Duchovny tapping in their responses to online questions from a studio in Hollywood. MSN supplied 9,000 live online video streams in addition to its Netshow webcast, which in turn attracted 21,000 separate cyberspace identi-ties. As well as being able to pose questions in eight languages, and view the stars responding, those who logged on to the event were able to chat among themselves using

MSN's Webchat software. Another smart move has been to locate MSN's big-splash events in free space and promote them globally. By being able to promise (and deliver) large audiences, MSN has been able to hike its advertising revenues. Says Niall MacAnna: "For special events [advertising rates] were £10,000 before The X-Files. They've been £25,000 since."

The celebrities themselves seem genuinely enchanted by the new vehicle. "A weh chat is actually offering [celebrities] a totally different experience. It's on more of an equal basis," says James Cronin at Virgin Net. In a recent Virgin webcast, Brian May stayed on for an hour and a half heyond his allotted time and bravely requested that the final tranche of the webcast be left unmoderated. George Michael, too, overshot his slot. "I really enjoyed myself," he said after the event.

For the celeb and his or her managers, agents and record or film er matter. Right now, the celebweb



opportunity, it's a safe house. Though the impression given at a celeh chat is of easy-going banter, questions are generally tightly controlled by online moderators. The celebrity gets one-to-one contact with fans whilst remaining at an im-

penetrable distance. For the celebrity, a web chat is a relatively risk-free venture compared with a live TV or radio interview. There are unlikely to be nasty surprises or nutters and he or she gets to be associated with a hip new medium to boot. As Niall MacAnna points out: "George Michael can chat to thousands of his fans online whilst remaining in the privacy of his record company and without intrusive media." In other words, in cyberspace no one can see you cringe.

How long this will last is anoth-

company, the web chat isn't just a PR chat remains relatively free of the usual constraints of celebrity media events, but it's surely only a matter of time before agents demand syndication deals and serial fees for web chat transcripts. As more ISPs enter the fray, competition for A-list celebs will inevitably become fiercer.

Meantime, the punters themselves remain circumspect. Though attendance in chat rooms for George Michael's web chat may seem high at 9,000, the figures are still small compared with TV. Disappointment travels fast in cyberspace. Confronted by all the pre-publicity, punter expectations are high and there is anecdotal evidence that they are not yet being met. After the George Michael event, participants in one chat room at Michael's record company seemed unimpressed. "Edge" from New York commented: had to load, it was shit, really: I mean,

who knows if it was really George?" Michael's managers remain positive about the medium. "We're very happy with the George Michael chat. It gives artists a greater lead in portraying their own image, says Bob Stamegna of Aegean. Business isn't bad, either. "We have a marked increase in members of the official online George Michael fan club. Internet sales aren't yet mindbogglingly good but the event increased both sales and awareness." he adds. "Right now we have to be open minded. The Internet is still very much an add-on."

For the time being, the celebweb chat event remains very much in the teething stage, still dependent on more traditional media for its sustenance. But in a couple of years from now, who knows? It may well "Given all the software stuff we be biting the hand that feeds it.

# Net user's blues

Is it true that web surfers are prone to 'down' time? By Vanessa Thorpe

A STUDY carried out in America has found that the phrase "to get connected" is perhaps more than a little euphemistic. Researchers at Carnegle Mellon University found that, far from enhancing ties with the outside world, home use of the Net can breed isolation and

Their findings appear to challenge the popular concept of the "virtual community", where a support network of virtual mates is always there to ease the user's path through life.

The research, published in the journal American Psychologist, was carried out for a study dubbed "HomeNet", designed to look at the impact of the Internet on the social life and mental wellbeing of the average American. Some 169 human guines pigs in 73 formerly Internet-free homes were recruited for the study.

Feedback from the group has revealed that, while the majority of users were quickly booked on . the Net, the increased time spent at the computer was accompanied by a decline in interaction with family and friends. A rise in the reported incidence of loneliness and depression followed.

Teenagers, who tend to use the Internet in longer bouts than adults, were found to be the most vulnerable to negative effects. After two years, the team found that they could predict the changes in a user's emotional state according to the number of hours spent online.

Professor Bill Scherlis, who worked on study, confirms the disturbing results but says he hopes it will not be used as a stick to beat the medium. "We should simply become more discriminating in our use of the Net," he told The Independent. "The challenge is for us to become better users.

The increase in signs of depression among the study group can be clearly associated with their use of the Net, Scherlis says, because of the number of controls that the team introduced during the trial. There was no question, for example, that the study group happened to be full of people who were predisposed to depression. Yet, he emphasises, the findings of HomeNet should be seen in context. "It was a very mild effect, but it was statistically significant," he says. "We want to explore it further, so all other interpretations are speculative at this stage."

On the up side, the urge to communicate has been underlined by the study as the main human motivation for using the Net, as opposed to, say, simply information gathering. The problem is, Internet contact does not appear to be as valuable a form of communication as many of those it replaces.

Bob Kraut, the professor of social psychology who led the research, explains the displacement that may occur in some users' lives, regardless of the fact that they think they are keeping up lots of friendships by e-mail. "People can't easily report on what they are giving up," he says. "For example, I find the Internet very convenient for keeping up with colleagues from my old job. The question is, does the time and energy I devote to these e-mail messages hinder me from forming strong friendships with people in my current workplace or community?"

Professor Scherlis thinks Net users are often deceived into believing they are strengthening their relationships through the Net. What they don't spot is the fallout around them in the real world. "The research shows that although Internet use is in fact a socially positive experience, it may not be as positive as other activities it replaces," he says.

"Sociologists distinguish between the kind of friendships you have with people who might actually offer to drive you to the airport and those you have with people you might just say 'hi!' to when you pass in the corridor." The \$1.5m study was funded in

part by a consortium of IT companies, including Apple Computer, Hewlett Packard, Intel Panasonic and Lotus Development Corporation, who may now wish they had not bothered.

# Let a foodbot cut the toxins from your trolley

LIKE MANY of the unfortunates who live outside the delivery area for Tesco'a online supermarket, I still have to huy my groceries the old-fashioned way. The new EC legislation on labelling for all genetically modified foods has made my shopping trips a lot more entertaining - albeit longer since it seems to take the best part of the evening to read the

labels on my usual basket-load. I've been an avid label reader since learning that food manufacturers have more than 40 ways of disguising MSG (a toxic substance that gives you headache but appears in hundreds of food products). In recognition of the semantic creativity of the food industry, a campaign was set up (http://www.truthinlabeling.org) to provide consumers with clear interpretation of labelling mumbo-jumbo.

Food labels are a source of mystery to most food scientists. not to mention us consumers. However, things get worse with genetically engineered food

labels, as they bring a new meaning to the word "obscure". Since the notion of being a guinea pig in the largest food experiment in the history of humankind is mildly unappealing, many consumers are bringing their magnifying glasses to the supermarket in an attempt to figure out what is turking in those tinned tomatoes.

The modified food revolution is great for the farmers but not so good for consumers, who may find out that those new food additives can cause allergies, or auto-immune diseases and contain small but potentially barmful amounts of toxins.

Unpredictable side effects are occurring in many genetically modified food products and, unless you studied the labels, you wouldn't know that some alien DNA disguised as fillers appears in many hurgers, margarine, vegetarian meat substitutes and even baby products (http://www.naturallaw. org.nz/genetics/g-danger.htm). It is estimated that some 60



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The ability to process complex information will drive the survival of the fittest

per cent of food on supermarket shelves has been tinkered with directly or indirectly, and only a big magnifying glass and a PhD in genetic engineering will guide you through the confusion.

For thousands of years we

have relied on our senses for

food selection. Our ancestors survived by perfecting their senses of smell, touch and taste, to be able to detect a poisonous berry, dodgy meat or lethal mushroom. Today, though, you could not tell the difference between two identical tomatoes, one genetically engineered with bacteria-derived kanamycin and the other from a wholesome. organic farm in Devon. They look the same but can have very different effects on your longterm health, or even your children's health. That means a trip down the

supermarket aisles and physical contact with food is simply an obsolete way of shopping for groceries in this new, information-rich age. Now it is the ability to process complex information that will drive the survival of the fittest, and online ordering from home or office will allow you more time to think and read the labels.

Technology may provide a solution to the problem. A new hand-held scanning device will

soon be available that allows you to input your food content preferences. It will run a acan of your selected labels and deliver a Yes/No verdict on suspicious items, screening those found to be unacceptable out of your basket. The authors of the software are also working on an online version of the system, which should be available by the time Tesco rolls out its nationwide home delivery. The software would still

require grocers to provide full label descriptions of their online items (not a current practice, hut easy to implement). It would also require them to develop a standard labelling system, something the Ministry of Agriculture has been working on for a long time (http://www.maff gov.uk). So soon you will be able to

send your "foodbot" to your online grocer to sniff out which type of bacon comes from a decent pig and which has been puffed up with some alien DNA. However, to avoid the situation in which your choice will merely be between more or less foreign DNA in your shopping trolley, you should take an active role in one of the many safe food campaigns. Most of these are based in the US, where food manufacturers are a lot more powerful and have much deeper pockets for lobbying the regulators. Once something is approved over the pond, the likelihood of those food components arriving here in a pure or disguised form is relatively high.

One worthy campaign can be found at http://www.safe-food.org. It focuses on crop segregation, labelling transparency and legislation to regulate new food technologies. You can also read about and join another campaign at http://www.online.sfsu.edu/ ~rone/gedanger.htm, where there is are helpful instructions on how to shop to avoid

genetically engineered foods. You can e-mail me with your comments on the new food revolution at eva@never.com

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# The PC ın your mailbox

The police may soon be allowed to read your email and check your Internet use at will. By Paul Lavin

away confident that your mail Ill not be read by anyone except the addressee. However, when you send an email, it might be wise to reflect on the differences

According to the organisation Internet Freedom, an agreement being negotiated between the UK's internet service providers (ISPs) and the police will open the email of the UK's eight million Internet users to scrutiny without debate in Parliament or oversight by the courts or the Home Secretary.

British police are said to be close to reaching an agreement with ISPs that will enable them to monitor customers' emails and web usage logs. Chris Ellison of Internet Freedom. says: "Following a series of meetings between the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and Internet inrepresentatives, we

understand that both groups have ated a willingness to reach a 'memorandum of understanding' about implementing police access to private data held by ISPs."

According to David Kennedy, chairman of the Internet Service Providers Association, that is a serious overstatement of the discussions. However, he admits that the UK's ISPs are trying to avoid being flooded by court orders or having the police cart off critical servers for evdence. He says: "We are talking to law enforcement representatives to find a way to work with them within the legal framework that exists. All members of our association take the view that emails are private."

As with the understanding between the Metropolitan Police and the ISPs over "banned" Usenet newsgroups and the closing down of web sites that may breach the law, the significance of such an agreement is that any such police activity may not be subjected to judicial review or legal constraint. Detective Chief Superintendent Keith Ackerman, chairman of the ACPO's computing crimes sub-committee, says: "We want to ensure the criminal doesn't take best advantage of the Internet. without requiring the Government to use the sledgehammer of regulation. However, we are not looking for the ability to go on fishing expeditions."

The ISPs know that they are stuck in the middle, according to Keith Mitchell, chairman of Linx, a partnership of large ISPs. He says: To divulge private email even under duress would be commercial suicide for an ISP. In some circumstances

it would constitute a crime." Nonetheless, mistakes happen and there are well-known cases where the police have been persuasive. Mitchell says: "The current laws do not adequately protect ISPs or private individuals. We will be active in seeking responsive changes from Parliament.

While there are undoubtedly individuals who use the Internet's email and worldwide web for nefarious purposes, the vast majority of people who use email and the web for personal and business communications have an expectation of privacy. And law-abiding citizens who wholeheartedly support the goals of law enforcement agencies may nevertheless feel uneasy about giving them carte blanche over email. America Online has been quite



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vocal in its opposition to opening the doors to the police short of a court order. Many ISPs agree. Julie Hatch. marketing communications director of Easynet, says:"We do not allow anyone to access our customers'

email without a court order. "It makes no difference if it is an estranged wife or a suspicious business partner or anyone else, we would not divulge a subscriber's private email unless we were presented with a court order. This is in accordance with our terms and con-

> "Our business is also subject to restrictions imposed by the Data Protection Act (DPA), and in any situation we would certainly abide by those rules, So unless a subscriber's actions are illegal, you can say that email is confidential."

The DPA provides scanty protection to email users, however.

While the Act has aspects that protect the quality and use of information held in computer systems, disclosure can be afforded by a

compliant ISP by simply including appropriate language in the small print of their terms and cooditions. Data may be revealed to law enforcement officials as long as the

subscriber is notified. Easynet's assurances highlight

Police say they are not looking for the freedom to go on fishing expeditions

the differences between ISPs that are classified as telecoms providers, protected from feeling the long arm of the law by a regulatory framework, and those that are merely private businesses unaccountable to anyone but their owners and governed solely by

their contracts with subscribers. As well as Easynet, UK ISPs that are regulated as telecoms providers include BT Internet and Demon, which is now part of Scot-

tish Telecom. Smaller ISPs are more vulnerable to the persuasive demands of the police. They have no legally protected right of privacy and any redress for email disclosure would only be for breach of contract.

Furthermore, most ISPs now include in their terms and conditions a requirement that the subscriber bear the expense of any legal costs resulting from their use of the ser-vice. This could lead to a complaining subscriber having to bear the costs of both sides of a lawsuit against an ISP even if they won.

The most serious aspect of this potential agreement between the police and ISPS is, according to critics, the absence of legal safeguards. In order to tap telephones, the police need the permission of the Home Secretary and must justify violating the privacy of a suspect. It is not clear regulated than any other commufrom the law whether tapping a

telephone and tapping into an email exchange are the same thing. Chris Ellison says: "This is what is so dangerous about the new culture of private regulation and moral unaccountable instruments of law responsibility. ISPs now operate in enforcement." a moral climate which insists on limitations for freedom of speech. Any

material that causes offence - especially to children and ethnic minorities - is regularly removed. ISPs have now embraced this self-censorship credo and are willing to set themselves up as moral arbiters of internet content, filtering out anything that they feel may be illegal."

Without public debate or scrutiny by Parliament, the police are likely to gain, as Liz Parratt from the organisation Liberty puts it, "a snoopers' charter for the Internet". Ordinary users will have little legal protection or redress against police monitoring of their communications. This trend could render the Internet less private and more Tony Nicoletti/Centre Press

nications medium. "If nothing else, these discussions have demonstrated what self-regulation really means: ISPs undertaking the role of publicly

Email is not like a letter in an envelope; it is more like a postcard. Just as you would not put some messages on a postcard, you should think before you use email for your most private communications. While the legality and desirability of the any agreement between ACPO and the ISPs is highly debatable, anyone interested in maintaining their privacy on the Internet must take responsibility for their own actions.

The agreement between ACPO and ISPs will be the subject of three seminars: 22 September in Edinburgh, 8 October in London and 27 October in Manchester. Additional details can be found at www.linz.net/ misc/acposeminar.html.

#### BYTES

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worth fall by more than \$5bn (£2.9bn) on Monday to about \$52bn, at a rate of up to \$4.5m a minute.

Then, on Tuesday, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and 20 states broadened their anti-trust case against Microsoft with an 89-page brief cataloguing further examples of the software giant's business policies involving Apple, Intel, Real Networks, Intuit, Sun Microsystems and Netscape.

The DOJ also criticised Gates's pre-trial testimony. himing that in nearly 17 hours of questioning, Gates failed to recall many alleged incidents including meetings with Netscape officials to discuss dividing up the browser market.

The DOJ called for Microsoft to hand over new evidence database details and communications between it and other companies. Microsoft spokesman Mark Murray said: "The government appears to have lost faith in the case it brought last May so it's trying to rewrite its case and expand its allegations without going through the proper legal procedures." However, Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ordered Microsoft to deliver the evidence.

Microsoft asked that the w evidence be excluded from case or, if it was not excluded, that the trial scheduled for 23 September be delayed for six months to give them time to

respond to the fresh allegations. The judge made no decision on either request. He said he would address those issues at pre-trial hearing scheduled for 17 September.

STEVE JOBS, Apple Computers' interim chief executive, outined some of the key features of the next version of the Mac operating system at the Seybold Philishing conference in San Funcisco last week. He said the OS 8.5 upgrade will ship best month after slipping from

a July launch. Jobs said that the upgrade from OS 8.0 will be a "must-

THE WEEK started badly for have" piece of software be-Microsoft's Bill Gates when cause of its improved perforrecord stock slides saw his mance when saving files over the network - up to three times faster, according to Apple and improved file and Internet search functions.

Jobs also showed Apple's next-generation operating system, OS X, and demonstrated programs from Adobe, Quark and Macromedia running on the prototype advanced OS, which allows pre-emptive multitasking and uses protected memory features designed to maximise efficiency and reliability of software operation. OS X is scheduled to ship in Autumn next year.

THE FIRST hypertext competition organised by alt-x, the US publishing network, and trace. the international online writing community based at Nottingham Trent University, has been launched with a prize of £1,000 for the best hypertext site written in English on the web.

Although the judges are open to the use of sound, images and Java applets, in the main they are looking for primarily text-based, multi-sequential writing that allows the reader to follow different pathways. Robert Coover, of Brown University, is the overall judge.

Deadline for entries is 31 December and full details are on the trAce web site (http://trace. ntu.ac.uk/comp.html).

A CONSORTIUM of more than 50 telecommunications operators last week signed contracts in a \$1.5bn project for a new fibre-optic cable linking Europe and the United States.

The cable, called TAT-14, has a capacity of 64 gigabytes per second, which is enough to carry 7.7 million calls simultaneously. About 80 per cent of its ca-

pacity will be allocated to Internet and multimedia traffic. The new system, based on. four pairs of optical fibre cable and using the latest digital technologies, has 64 times the

capacity of the current TAT- concludes that European gov-12/TAT-13 cable network which ernments need to work with came online in 1996. businesses to create a regula-The TAT-14 network linking tory regime that facilitates Germany, England, Denmark. global e-commerce, encour-France and the Netherlands to ages new venture capital marthe United States will span kets, adopts e-commerce itself, more than 22,000 miles and ensures adequate training and retraining, and promotes eshould be in service by the end of 2000. commerce with both business and the public.

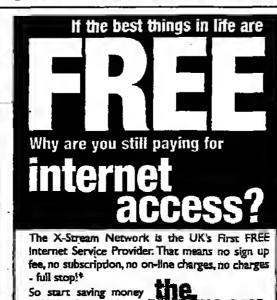
E-COMMERCE is appreciated in Europe more in theory than in practice, according to a report from Andersen Consulting, which urges measures by both industry and European governments to boost online com-

In a survey of more than 300 European senior executives carried out between December 1997 and July 1998, Andersen found corporate leaders were enthusiastic about e-commerce's potential but wary of spending money on new sys-

While 82 per cent of executives surveyed thought e-commerce would have a strategic impact on their businesses in the future, only 39 per cent were limited time at \$19.95 (£12) acting on that belief. The report stead of the normal \$34.95.

REAL NETWORKS is offering a money-back guarantee on a new software package, Super-Planet's CD-Streamer, that converts audio CDs into CDquality Real Audio for personal playback on a PC.

The package allows music CDs to be stored in highly compressed Real Audio format, with up to 30 hours of music per gigabyte of drive space, on a PC hard drive. The software allows the creation of customised playlists for playback as well as standard and random playback. The software can be purchased over a secure link (http://www.realstore.com/specials/cdstreamer.html) for a limited time at \$19.95 (£12) in-



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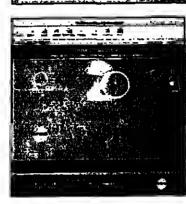
Although British visitors to the page have found the concept "tacky", some of the re-creations have their uses for academic research. Others, though, are weird druidical junk sculptures, such as the Carhenges of Nebraska and Ontario - crushed vehicles planted upright with a hig-finned car body or two perched on top. Pride of place must go to New Zealand's entry, Fridgehenge. Also monumental, in some

sense or other, is the language on display - when in doubt, say "neo-neolithic" or "retroarchaeoastronomicai".

Drink@The Attic http://www.the-attic.co.uk More ancient traditions -England's idiotic licensing laws, and complaining about the same - are revived here, at what must be one of the most foolproof promotional strategies by a

multimedia house. The company, Atticmedia, has produced a page campaigning for a 2am drinking licence in London. "Have you got the bottle?" it challenges, but the site is unlikely to make many enemies. Basically just a message board for people to offer support, the site also acts as an informal survey: so far, only five of the 500 respondents have declared themselves against the proposal, and these tend to hide behind fictitious addresses.





http://www.protest.net/ This global one-stop resource for social activists lists events and demonstrations worldwide, rallying them all at a single, easily accessible URL. Entries are wide-ranging and genuinely international in scope, stretching from anti-capital punishment rallies in Virginia and a peace march on the Pentagon, to tonight's meeting of Lambeth and Wandsworth Greenpeace, and Saturday's show of pedal power ("cycling solidarity") in Cardiff. There are separate calendars for the US, Canada, Europe, Oceania and Asia, and also an "Online" category, as well as a reminder service which sends an e-mail a few days ahead of a chosen event. The site's creator hopes to prove there is actually more protest

it is less visible now only because it is more widely dispersed. But the overall tone is entrepreneurial as well as revolutionary. "Radical Walking Tours" of New York's Lower East Side are heavily plugged, as, more centrally, is the clever event management software which drives the site.

Monster Home

http://www.monsterfiome.com/ The magic word "convergence" hovers protectively around this attempt at an Internet movie, an hour-long thriller which claims to be the first feature actually created for the Web. The plot, involving a dying millionaire, squabbling siblings, involuntary organ donation, Nazi genetics and a dead parrot, is split into short RealPlayer sequences. The order of viewing can be chosen within each "chapter", though the interactive options are fewer than with recent DVD attempts. The actors are game enough, but the most effective bits may still be the more web-familiar elements used to pad out the live action: some evocative animation, comic-strip frames, and other narrative shortcuts. There are also hacked e-mails, fake web sites-within-web sites and monitors and surveillance cameras galore these familiar viewer/voyeur thrills are where the interactivity lies, as much as in the actual structure. Watching this in prime telephone time courtesy of BT could approach the cost of a trip to the movies, all for, depending on the connection, some fittery sound and jerky credit-card size images. But it's basically an experiment - the Canadian company, Image Business, has more ambitious plans once handwidths allow.

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# Lessons kids can teach us

I HAVE been using computers since I was a kid. I first sat down at one when I was eight. Back in the late Seventies, the dawn of the digital age. computers were much simpler yet so much more complex than they are today. You had two colour choices, a green screen or an orange screen, and all interaction was conducted through commands typed in line by line. No one worried about megabytes or megaheriz and everything was stored on floppy disks - and they were quite literally "floppy".

I remember a glowing orange screens full of cryptic symbols and infinitely scrolling text. I stared in amazement as the screen changed at my whim. I once spent an afternoon on my dad's business computer creating a Christmas tree out of letters, numbers and symbols, only to have it destroyed with the flip of a switch when dad was ready to go home (a lesson in the ephemeral nature of information created on the cathode ray tube).

No one worried much about the "user interface" in those days, and operating system manufacturers could not have cared less about the way in which children might interact with their computers because kids did not buy them back then. But this didn't stop me and other kids from trying to do everything we could to use computers. It is often the young who are the first to adapt and accept new ideas, whether these ideas are targeted towards them or not.

Around the country children are returning to the classroom this week, and the Web is quickly becoming an

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School kids are coming to the Web in droves for their educational needs

indispensable tool for teachers dealing with every age group from elementary through to university. The Web started as a medium of education, and despite the vast store-fronts and banner ads, providing ducational information is still at the Web's core. You can explore museums in your home town, such as the Larsson exhibit at the V&A (http://www.vam.ac.uk/ larsson/index.html), or check out what's hot at San Francisco's Exploratorium in the United States (http://www. exploratorium.edu/). School kids are coming to the

Web in droves for their educational needs as well as for entertainment. As they do, designers are increasingly finding themselves creating for this unique niche audience. And, unlike in my day, kids have a lot more to say about the computers being bought, not to

mention the products being bought on them.

Designing Web sites for a young audience, let's say 6- to 14-year-olds, just to pick an arbitrary demographic, is different from developing content for an older age group. Ironically, this is not because there are more rules, but because, in many ways, there are fewer rules. Kids do not come to a web site with as many do and don't rules. They are less concerned with the dictates of "good" design and are far more concerned with the pure experience of the site. What might seem garish, outlandish and even tasteless on e site for adults might draw

kids by the millions. If you look at some of the most popular sites for children, such as the cable television networks Nickelodeon (http://www.nickelodeon.co.uk/) or the Cartoon Network (http://www.cartoonnetwork. com) you will begin to notice a few things:

Bright and colourful graphics. There is a trade-off between having large, colourful graphics and sparse, flat colours on the screen. The large graphics take longer to download, and for children's short attention spans this can get boring. But the eye candy is often part of the fun. Constant motion and

activity. Kids love movement and like to see things changing on the screen. In addition, sound is another great way to attract attention.

Interactivity and instant feedback. Not only do kids like to see change on the screen, they like to feel responsible for that change. JavaScript rollovers, Flash animations and other devices let kids feel and they are doing something. can never give a kid too much Glob

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control over a Web page. Navigation that invites exploration. Unlike older audiences who want to get where they are going as quickly as possible, kids do not mind exploring and often find the journey more fun than the arrival.

Remember, kids are not stupid. They know when they are being sold stuff, and they often enjoy more than just titiliation. A great example of how a kids' site can both entertain and inform is the Adventures of Banph (http://www.banph.com). This site combines excellent visuals with a rich, interactive and intriguing storyline. As with all audiences, you

have to get to know the particular needs, desires and dislikes of the potential visitors to your site. If you have the time, money and resources, go directly to the source by interviewing members of the age range you are targeting in getting their reaction to your site. In addition, the Associat of Computing's Special Interes Group on Computer Human Interaction (SIGCHI) has a regular column in their builetin on children and computers (http://www1.acm.org:82/sigs/ sigchi/bulletin) by Allison Druin, founder of CHIKids, a programme devoted to understanding how kids interact with computers.

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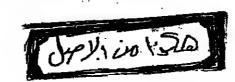
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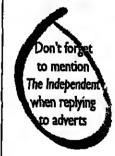
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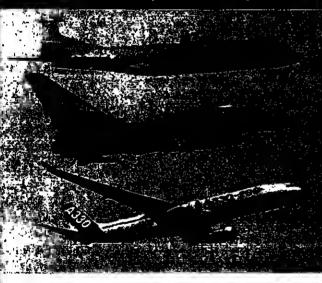
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The director of this harrowing semi-documentary has been compared to Pasolini and Tarkovsky, the press notes assure us, but though this is an imaginatively realised rumination on the workings of the modern world, the picture is deadening in nicely done. a way that those directors' best work never was. The film is simple and precise in its methods; as mages of downtrodden and forgotten citizens amputees, beggars, the very young the elderly are played out before us in a moving collage, a man narrates a message to his unborn child, who may be being aborted even as he speaks. West End: Renoir

HE GOT GAME (18)

Director: Spike Lee Starring: Denzel Washington, Ray Allsn,

Milla Jovovich The plot of Spike Lee's muddled tale is pure poppycock: Jake Shuttleworth (Denzel Washington) is doing time for the murder of his wife, but is offered a deal, out of the blue, which could cut short his sentence. It has come to the attention of the Governor that Jake's son, Jesus (Ray Allen), is the country's hottest new basketball star. If Jake can convince Jesus to sign with the Governor's alma mater, then he can look forward to early release. Jake agrees, and is dispatched into the outside world on this errand. However, there is one seemingly insurmountable obstacle in Jake's path - his son has vowed never to forgive him for

his mother's murder West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero

THE LAND GIRLS (12) Director: David Leland

Starring: Catherine McCormack, Rachel Weisz, Anna Friel, Steven Mackintosh

This gentle comedy from David Leland (director of Wish You Were Here) leads you Virgin Trocadero into familiar territory, but manages to infuse the experience with warmth and wit. Rachel Weisz,

Anna Friel and Catherine McCormack are the "land girls" called upon in WWII to pick up the discarded ploughs and take the place of the farmers who have departed for war. Nothing surprising - sexual swakening, broad laughs, a smattering of tragedy - but

West End: Screen on the Hill, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End

THE LAST DAYS OF DISCO (15) Director: Whit Stillman

Starring: Chloe Sevigny, Kate Beckinsale, Chris Eigeman

In the fictional club at the centre of Whit Stillman's dry and slightly sad comedy, everything sparkles - under the light from the glitterball, the dancers are united in their absent-minded beauty, and pockets of glitter fall from the ceiling even as the club is being busted by cops. But you couldn't accuse the picture of being nostalgic - as with Stillman's previous films (Metropolitan and Barcelona), actions and emotions unfold with a knowing wink toward the future. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Richmond Filmhouse, Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End

SPECIES II (18) Director: Peter Medak

Starring: Michael Madsen, Natasha Henstridge, George Dzundza

Ludicrous science-fiction horror about a strand of deadly alien DNA carried back to earth in the bodies of astronauts. Comball dialogue and a healthy abundance of sex and violence make this passable B-movie fun.

West End: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Odean Marble Arch, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea,

Ryan Gilbey

### GENERAL RELEASE

ARMAGEDDON (12)

collision course with Earth. Its jumble of styles will end up pleasing no one. Odeon Camden Toton, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, THE MAGIC SWORD: QUEST FOR CAMELOT Warner Village West End

THE AVENGERS (12)

Rainh Fiennes dons the bowler hat and wields the cane as Steed. Una Thurman pours herself into a catsuit as Emma Peel, while Sean Connery Village West End

BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE (U)

Feature-length exploits for the big, jolly dinosaur whose blend of nursery rhymes, day-glo colours and moral lessons make him ideal for the more undernanding pre-school viewer, an endurance test for anyone else. Rio Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero

Sumptuous swashbucklers are fast becoming French cinema's stock-in-trade. This effort doesn't break much new ground, but is acted and shot with such braggadocio that its lack of originality is never a problem. ABC Swiss Centre, Curzon

EVE'S BAYOU (151

Rites-of-passage drama set in Louisiana locations which have been devalued by too many Southern Comfort ads. Despite some intuitive observations, this feels for the most part like reheated Fried Green Tomatoes. Odeon Mezzanine, Plaza, Virgin Trocadero

A young Parisian journeys through rural Romania on a quest for the gypsy singer whose ousic he discovered through his father. There is a warmth and humour to the storytelling which pushes this film way beyond heing mere sentimental travelogue. Renoir

The team which cooked up such blockbusters as Stargate and Independence Day is generally very adept at constructing enjoyable adventures with a B-movie taste for fun. Unfortunately on this occasion, their light touch has deserted them. Empire Leicester Square

THE HORSE WHISPERER (PG)

Robert Redford's over-long and deeply indulgent film of Nicholas Evans's novel is a textbook lesson in the narciesistic allure of cinema. Redford ptays a Montana farmer who specialises in equine psychology. He agrees to help New York magazine editor Kristin Scott Thomas whose daughter has been traumatised in a ding accident. ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odson Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottags, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road

LOCK, STOCK & TWO SMOKING BARRELS

Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels follows the lead of Quentin Tarantino but the film's defining characteristic is its resilient morality. The picture is peopled by thugs, both amateur and Professional. Young Eddy, who comes unstuck in a high stakes card-game, falls into the former, but Hatchet Harry, lo whom he owes 2500,000, is a dangerous old-school pro. ABC Tottenham Court ad, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith ragin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema. Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whileleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

#### LOST IN SPACE (PG)

love story, a meaty action adventure and a expensive makeover but the film-makers have global disaster movie in which a meteor is on a remained faithful to the original tone. William Hurt stars as 8 frosty scientist who journeys with his family into space to save the Earth from environmental destruction. Odeon West End

animation division, this Arthurian adventure looks - and courtesy of the inevitable Celine Dion, sounds - even cheesier than the average Disney effort. But beneath the surface there's an edge sashays around in a kilt as August De Winter, who of genuine weirdness that will keep parents plans to take over the world by controlling the entertained, if it doesn't frighten the children out weather. Virgin Trocndero, Warner of their wits. Odeon Marble Arch, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End ...

Seventies suburban morality tale in which Christian Bale plays a man festering somewhere in the commuter belt when his oldest friend thinks that he ought to be out having fun. There are some endearing moments but, on the whole, director Philip Saville shows a dispiriting lack of ambition. Virgin Trocadero

MR NICE GUY (15)

Chan's ocuvre has its moments - a fight scene on a construction site is a particular delight. But the combination of comedy and adventure doesn't gel; it may be the first Chan film that wouldn't even look good if you were plastered. Virgin

Madeleine Stowe and priest Kenneth Branagh become entangled after she discovers her fat-cat husband (William Hurt) is unable to father a child. Salacious tosh. ABC Ponton Street

David Mamet's intricate little thriller is a playful exercise in twisting a plot until it locks; there is a scientific detachment about the way he explores every permutation of his Kafkaesque scenario, though the movie is also slyly funny. Barbican Screen, Gate Notting Hill, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Suriss Cottage, Phoenix Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Villags

David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprise their roles as FBI agents Mulder and Scully and, for their first big-screen outing, get a meaty conumdrum to chew on involving a shifty secret government and a deadly virus from outer space. Duchovny and Anderson are most engaging; through little dialogue and even less facial movement they manage to convey great tenderness. ABC Baker Street, ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

ZERO EFFECT (15) Pleasing thriller starring Bill Pullman as Daryi Zero, the world's greatest private investigator, a drop-out who subsists on tuna fish, tabs and amphetamines, pulling on reserves of wit and ingenuity when the time comes to crack a new case. Ultimately, the film feels a little shallow and self-conscious, but it puts a smile on your face for most of its duration. Warner Village West End

This deeply stupid film purports to be a tender Yet another cult 1960s television series to get an

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This largely disappointing addition to Jackie

THE PROPOSITION (12)

Dismal period drama in which feminist writer

THE REAL HOWARD SPITZ (PG)

The Real Howard Spitz, a sunny comedy about a children's writer (Kelsey Grammer, aka Frasier) who hates children, is director Vadim Jean's most likeable work. Originality may be thin on the ground but the direction is breezy and Grammer has a lovely, grouchy demeanour.

THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG)

#### Film Ryan Gilbey

BILL PULLMAN (left) is a hoot as Daryl Zero, the world's greatest private investigator, a drop-out who subsists on tuna fish. tabs and amphetamines, pulling on reserves of wit and ingentity when the time comes to crack a new case. In Zero Effect, a neat comedy from 22-year-old Jake Kasdan (son of Lawrence), Pullman, who has recently specialised in gruff-voiced "serious" roles (such as the US president

in Independence Day), gets back to playing

comedy. His performance is manic, even seething, yet brimming with

On general release Pierce Brosnan has brought quite a lot of charm to the role of James
Bond, keeping things just alightly ironic, while managing to convince as a
pretty good hero as well. Goldeneye is the better of his two Bond films. with great stunts, plenty of pretty women and all the standard and wellloved 007 features, though Tomorrow Never Dies is quite good firm, too, if you like lots of chases and explosions. NFT1 (0171-928 3232), London SE1. 'Goldeneye' 6.10pm, Tomorrow Never Dies', 8.40pm

Theatre Dominic Cavendish

IN Full Gallop, Mary Louise Wilson resurrects Diana Vreeland, the Sixtiesshaping editor-in-chief of American Vogue in all her sharp-witted, opinionated glory. Cattier than leopard-skin, this monologue cowritten with Mark Hampton - also leaves the impression of a life as tarnished as a smudged lipstick kiss.

Hampstead Theatre, London, NW3 (0171-722 9301) 8pm

Toyah Willcox and Joe McGann (right) bring real charisma to the parts of Cash and Maria, the couple who never quite seem to get it together in Bob Carlton's sprightly revival of Arthur Smith's "adult comedy". Live Bed Show, touring the land until November. Key Theatre, Peterborough (01733 552439) 7pm

#### **Pop** Tim Perry

TO COINCIDE with the release of their fine The Boy With The Arab Strop album, Scottish octet Belle & Sebastian (right) get out of their houses to play a handful of dates. It's always been a debating point whether or not they can translate their delicate pop sounds onto the stage, but there's should be some skin-prickling moments. If not, then the support act, Elliot Smith, is a banker for a solid performance. After a few club gigs and an

appearance at Reading 98, it won't be too long until this Oregon singer

is headlining this joint himself. Shepherd's Bush Empire, London W12 (0171-771 2000) 7.30pm Another hand out on the road plugging a new album are Mancunians. Puressence, whose brand of moody guitar rock gets a unique lift from the fragile-sounding larynx of James Mudriczki. While not that immediately gripping, they're not a bad option for a Monday evening. King Tut's, Glosgow 10141-221 5279) 8pm

#### Classical Richard Bouwman

WHAT WITH all the excitement over the Proms, it's easy to overlook some really excellent summer musical events. One that should not be missed is the London Masterclasses. Organised over the past 10 years by pianist Norma Fischer, the event, which begins loday and lasts throughout the week brings together eminent musicians, including tenor Stuart Burrows itoday's masterclassi. cellist Ralph Kirshbaum, violinist Grigori Zhislin and conductor Benjamin Zander. It's a truly rare opportunity to see great music in the making.

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CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE (0171-498 2242) & Clapham Common The Horse Whisperer 1.30pm, 5pm, 8.30pm The Last Days Of Disco 1,15pm, 4pm, 6,30pm, 9pm The X-Files 1,45pm, 4,15pm, 6,45pm,9,15pm

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ELEPHANT AND CASTLE CORONET (0171-703 4958) & Elephant & Casde Dr Dolltde phone for times Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm Species II 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE

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METRO (0171-437 0757) & Piccadilly Orcus Latin American Film Festival phone for details **CURZON MINEMA** (0171-369 1723) +

Knightsbridge Hana-Bi 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Hana-Bi 2pm, NOTTING HILL CORONET (0171-727-6705) & Notting Hill ate The Horse Whisperer 1.15pm. 4.35pm, 8pm

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ODEON HAYMARKET (0181-315 4212) & Piccadilly Circus The X-Files 2pm, 5.45pm, 8,35pm

ODEON KENSINGTON
(0181-315 4214) © High Street
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3pm He Got Game 12.15pm,
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Horse Whisperer 1.25pm,
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& Two Smoking Barrels 1.40pm,
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ODEON MEZZANINE (0181-315 4215) + Leicester

Square Eve's Bayou 1,45pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm The Object Of My Affection 1.35pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Stx Days, Seven Nights 1.55pm, 4pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm Titank 12.05pm, 3.45pm, 7.25pm The Wedding Singer 2.25pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 8.50pm

ODEON SWISS COTTAGE (0181-315 4220) & Swiss Cottage Armageddon 2pm. 5pm. 8pm He Got Game 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.25pm The Horse Whisperer 12,30pm, 4,05pm, 7,45pm Lock, Stock & 7.45pm Lock, Scock & Two Smoking Barrels 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm The X-Files 12.25pm, 3.15pm, 5cm, 8.35pm

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(0171-837 8402) + Russell Square Gadjo Dilo 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Hands (aka Palms) 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.25pm

RIO CINEMA (0171-254 6677) BR: Dalston Kingsland Barney's Great Adventure Mon 2pm The Last 6.15pm, B.50pm RITZY CINEMA

(0171-737 2121/733 2229) BR/O Brixton He Got Game 12.50pm, 3.35pm, 6.20pm, 9pm The Horse Whisperer 1.45pm, 5.10pm, 8.30pm The Last Days Of Disco 1.15pm, 3.50pm. 6.25pm, 9.05pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 2.20pm, 4.35pm, 7.05pm, 9.25pm Ponette 12.30pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.40pm, 4.05pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm

SCREEN ON BAKER STREET (0171-486 0036) & Baker Street The Horse Whisperer 3.05pm, 7.45pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 3.25pm. 6.25pm, 8.45pm

SCREEN ON THE GREEN 3520) (0171-226 Angel/Highbury & Islington
The Spanish Prisoner 3.45pm,

SCREEN ON THE HILL (0171-435 3366) Belsize Park The Land Girls 3,30pm UCI WHITELEYS

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(0171-792 3332) © Bayswater
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Horse Whisperer 1.45pm,
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Disco 2.50pm, 4.25pm, 7pm,
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Smoking Barrels 1.30pm, 4pm.
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Real Howard Spitz 12.45pm
Species II 4.50pm, 7.25pm,
9.45pm The X-Files 1.05pm,
3.50pm, 6.35pm, 9.20pm

Virgin CHELSEA (0870-9070710) & Sloane Square/South Kensington Armageddon 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.30pm The Last Days of Disco 12.30pm, 3pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm Lock, Scock & Two Smoking Barrels 12.45pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9pm Species II 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.45pm, 9.10pm

VIRGIN FULHAM ROAD (0870-9070711) Kensington Armageddon 1.15pm, 5.15pm, 8,15pm The Big Lebowski 2pm, 6pm, 8.45pm The Horse Whisperer 1.40pm, 5pm, 8.20pm The Lond City 8.30pm The Land Girts 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 9pm 3.50pm, 6.20pm. The X-Files 1.10pm,

6.40pm, 9.20pm VIRGIN HAYMARKET (0870-9070712) & Piccadilly Circus The Land Girls 1.05pm. 3.20pm, 5.45pm, 8.35pm The Last Days Of Disco 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm

VIRGIN TROCADERO (0870-9070716) + (0870-9070716) Piccadilly
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(0171-437 4347) & Lekester (0171-437 4347) & Leicester Square Armageddon 11am, 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.40pm The Avengers 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.20pm City Of Angels 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9.20pm Dr Dollittle 11.40am, 1.50pm, 4pm, Dollitte 11.40am. 1.50pm. 4pm. 6.30pm The Land Glirls 12.20pm. 3.10pm, 5.50pm. 8.30pm The Last Days Of Disco 1.30pm. 4pm. 6.30pm, 9pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 11.20am, 1.40pm. 4.10pm. 6.40pm, 9.10pm The Spanish Prisoner 1.20pm. 3.50pm. 6.20pm. 8.50pm Titzaid: 8.35pm The Wedding Singer 6.50pm Zero Effect 1.35pm, 4.15pm, 9.30pm.

#### **CINEMA** LONDON LOCALS

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0056) ← Park Royal Armageddon 2.20pm, 5.40pm. Armageddon 2.20pm, 5.40pm, 8.50pm The Avengers 5.05pm Dr Dolittie 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 6.50pm, 9.05pm Eve's Bayou 7.30pm Gang Related 10pm Godzilla 1.30pm, 4.35pm He Goz Game 2.10pm, 7.10pm, 10.10pm The Horse Whisperer 1.40pm, 5.15pm, 2.55pm Leck Street & Thro 5.15pn, 8.35pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.50pm, 4.25pm, 7 pm, 9.40pm Lost to Space 12.40pm, 3.55pm, 6.40pm, 9.25pm Species II 1.10pm, 3.20pm, 5.30pm, 7.40pm, 9.50pm 5.30pm, 7.40pm, 5.30pm, The X-Files 1pm, 3.45pm,

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ABC (0870 90204) 2) BR: Becken-ham Junction Armageddon phone for times Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm Dr Dollttle phone for times The Horse Whisperer 2.20pm, 7.45pm Paulie 12.10pm Species II 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm The X-Files phone

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6.30pm, 8.45pm CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Croydon West/East The Horse

SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon. The Avergers 4.50pm Dil Se 8.30pm Dr Dollttle 4.50pm Lock, Scock & Two Smoking Barrels 6.30pm, 8.35pm Species II 6.10pm. 8.30pm The 6.10pm, 8 X-Files 4.50pm

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9pm, 10pm FELTHAM

CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 0555) BR: Feltham Armageddon 11.30am. 12.40pm. 2.40pm. 5.50pm. 7.10pm. 9pm. 10.10pm The Avengers 11.10am. 1.10pm. 7.10pm Barney's Great Adventure 10.45am Dil Se 12noon. 2nm. 4nm. 50m. Born. 10cm. Dec. 10cm. 2nm. 4nm. 50m. 80m. 10cm. 2nm. Adventure 10.45am bu Se 12moch, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm Dr Dollttle 11am, 12moon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm Godzilla 11.55am, 3pm, 6.05pm, 9.05pm The Horse Whisperer 11.30am, 2.45pm, 6.15pm, 9.30pm Kareeb 3.55pm The Little Mermaid 12noon Lock, Stock & Two Smok-ing Barrels 12noon, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.50pm, 9.40pm Lost In Space 12.45pm, 3.45pm, 6.55pm, 9.40pm The Magic Sword: Quest 12npon, 3.15pm, 6.30pm, 9.45pm Mr Nice Guy 9.30pm Pyaar To Hona HI Tha 3pm, 9.10pm Species II 12.20pm, 2.20pm, 4.20pm, 12.20pm. 2.20pm. 4.20pm. 6.15pm. 8.15pm. 10.15pm The X-Files 10.50am, 1.30pm, 4.10pm 6.50pm, 8pm, 9.30pm, 10.30pm

FINCHLEY WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 9344) & East Finchley Finchley 5.20pm, 8.30pm The Avengers 7.10pm Dr Dolittle 12.55pm. 3pm, 7.10pm of Courtee 12.35pm. spm. 5.10pm. 7.20pm. 9.30pm Godzilla 1.10pm, 4pm The Horse Whisperer 1.30pm, 5.05pm. 8.45pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.45pm, 4.10pm, 6.45pm, 9.20pm Lost in Space 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 9.50pm Species Il 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.40pm The X-Files 1pm, 3.20pm,

6.05pm, 9.05pm GREENWICH CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich The Horse Whisperer 2.05pm, 5.35pm, 8.45pm The Last Days Of Disco 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm The X-Files 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.35pm, 9.10pm

ABC (0870-9020413) ← Belsize Park Dr Dolittle 3.55pm, 5.50pm Hana-Bt 1.40pm, 3.55pm, 6.10pm, 12.30pm, 4pm, 7.35pm The X-Files SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303)

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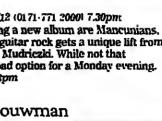
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Space (PG) The Swan Princess:
The Secret Of The Castle (U)

WARNER VILLAGE (01772-881313) Godzilla (PG) Species II (18) Lost in Space (PG) The Horse Whisperer (PG) Dr Dollttle (PG) Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18) Free Willy 3: The Rescue (U) The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot (U) The X-Files (15) Barney's Great Adventure (U) Armageddon (12)

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ABC CINEMA (01527-62572) The X-Files (15) The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot (U) Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18) Armageddon (12) Dr Dolittle (PG)

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PLOWRIGHT THEATRE (01724-840883) The Big Lebowski (18) My Son The Fanatic (15)

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UCI CRYSTAL PEAKS 10 (0114-247 0095) Lost in Space (PG) Girls' Night (15) The X-Files (15) The Avengers (12) Mousellunt (PG) The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot (U) Barney's Great Adventure (U) The Daytrippers (15) Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18) The Little Mermald (U) Species II (18) The Horse Whisperer (PG) Armageddon (12) Dr Dolittle (PG) Duhle Raja (PG) Godzilia (PG)

WARNER VILLAGE (0114-256 9444) Dr Dolittle (PG) Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18) The Little Mermaid (U) Barney's Great Adventure (U) Armageddon (12) The Horse Whisperer (PG) Lost In Space (PG) Species II (18) Godzilla (PG) The Avengers (12) The X-Files (15) Free Willy 3: The Rescue (U) The Magic Sword: Ouest For

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MACROBERT ARTS CENTRE (01786-461081) Afterglow (15) The Daytrippers (15) The James Gang (15) The Boy Who Stopped Talking (NC) It's Tough To Be A Talking (NC) It's Tough To Be A Kid (NC)

STOCKPORT VIRGIN CINEMA (0541-555173) Mr Magoo (PG) Lock, Stock & Two 5moking Barrels (18) The Horse Whisperer (PG) Armageddon (12) (U) Dr Dolittle (PG) Godzilla (PG) Lost in Space (PG) Sliding Doors (15) The X-Files (15) Barney's

STOKE-ON-TRENT ABC (01782-212320) Paulie (U) The X-Files (15) Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18) Dr Dolittle (PG) The Horse Whisperer (PG)

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> CINEMA REPERTORY

BELFAST **OUEEN'S FILM THEATRE (01232-**244857) The Land Girls (12) 6.45pm, 9pm Ponette (15) 7pm Zero Effect (15) 9.15pm

ELECTRIC (0121-643 7277) The Big Lebowski (18) 4pm, 8.30pm + Th Hudsucker Proxy Ponette (15) 4.10pm, 8.45pm The Aposte (12) 6.05pm The Hudsucker Proxy

BRADFORD NMPFT (PICTUREVILLE) (01274-732277) Ugetsu

IRISH FILM CENTRE (00 353 1 679 3477/5744) Le Bossu (15) 2.30pm, 6.40pm Animal Farm (U) 3pm, 7.10pm Metroland (18) 5pm,

THE SHERIDAN IMAX THEATRE (01-817 4222) The Living Sea (IMAX) (NC) 10.45am, 2.10pm, 5.35pm Everest (U) 11.50am 3.15pm, 7.45pm, 10.05pm Thrii Ride - The Science Of Fun (U)

FILMHOUSE (0131-228 2688) The Last Days Of Disco (15) 2.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Le Bosst (15) 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm Sons Of The Desert (aka Fraternally Yours) (NC) 3.30pm 6.15pm, 8.15pm

GLASGOW FILM THEATRE [0141-332 8128] The SpanIsh Prisoner (PG) 2pm. 4.15pm, 8.45pm The Last Days Dr Disco (15) 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Flaming Creatures (18) 6.30pm (14-Shorr)

MANCHESTER

CORNERHOUSE (0161-200 1500)
The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 8.10pm.
8.20pm The Last

TYNESIDE CINEMA (0191-232 1507) Journey To The Beginning Of The World (U) 4pm, 8.45pm The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 5pm The Last Days Of Disco (15) 6.15pm A Shadow Of Doubt (15) 7.30pm

NOTTINGHAM ROADWAY CINEMA (0) 15-952 6611) Journey To The Beginning Of The World (U) 6pm The Last Days Of Disco (15) 6pm, 8.15pm

THE SHOWROOM (0114-279 6006) The Horse Whisperer (PG) 1.10pm, 4.20pm, 7.30pm, 1.20pm, 4.30pm, 7.45pm The Last Days O Disco (15) 2pm, 6.30pm Not So Far From Andromeda (15) 2pm 8.20pm Le Bossu (15) 3.30pm 6pm, 8.30pm The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 4.15pm, 8.45pm THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

HIS MAJESTY'S The Rocky Horror HIS MAJESTY'S the Rocky Horror Show Jason Donovan stars in the 25th anniversary tour of the classic rock'n'roll musical. Opens 7 Sept, Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 6pm & 9pm, ends 12 Sept. £8.50-£17.50 (Mon-Thu) £9.50-£19.50 (Fri & Sat).

THEATRE ROYAL Our Lady Of Stigo Out Of Joint's latest production stars Sinead Cusack. 7-9 Sept. 7.30pm, 10-12 Sept. 8pm, £10-£21,50. 5t Johns Place (01225-448844/cc 448861)

BIRMINGHAM
HIPPODROME The Phantom Of The Opera Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical adaptation of the novel about a tragic love affair between an opera singer and a disfigured composer. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed 2pm. Sat 2.30pm, ends 24 Sept. £10-£30. Hurst 5treet (0121-622 7486)

BLACKPOOL OPERA HOUSE Summer Holiday Stage adaptation of the film starring Isla Fisher, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 7 Nov. £10-Ouay Street (01253-627786)

THEATRE ROYAL How The Other Half Loves Alan Ayckbourn's cou-edy of modern manners features social comment and ironic humour Mon-Wed 7.30pm. Thu-Sat 8pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 3 Oct. King Street (0117-987 7877)

CHURCHUL THEATRE Annie Regs-to-ricbes story of the nauseatingly optimistic orphan and her band of dancing chums. Mon-Sat ner band of cancing chums. Mon-sat 7.45pm. mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 12 Sept. £12-£19.50, concs avallable. High Street (0181-460 6677)

CHICHESTER

Chimes At Midnight Simon Callow stars as Falstaff in Orson Welles's adaptation of the Henry IV/Henry V plays. Tonight 7.30pm, £6.50-£25. Oaklands Park (01243-781312) MINERVA STUDIO THEATRE Song Of Singapore Issy Van Randwyck stars in this musical comedy set in

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

1940s Singapore. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thu & 5at 2.45pm, ends 12 Sept. £10-£17.50, Oaklands Park (01243-781312) COVENTRY BELGRADE THEATRE Limestone Cowboy Mosical io the country'n western vein. Mon-Thu 7.30pm. Fri & Sat 8pm, mats Wed

2.30pm, Sat 4pm, ends 19 Sept. £9-£15. concs £7. Corporation Street (01203-553055) CROYDON ASHCROFT THEATRE Bouncers John Godher's comedy about young nightclub doormen. 7-10 & 12 Sept. 7.4Spm. £8.50-£10, concs available.

CUMBERNAULD CUMBERNAULD THEATRE Two Jim Cartwright's black comedy about a night down the pub, 7-12 Sept, 7.45pm. E7. concs £4. 8raehead (01236-732887)

Park Lane (0181-688 9291)

DARLINGTON CIVIC THEATRE Joseph And The CIVIC THEAIRE Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical version of the Bible story. From 7 Sept. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Thu & Sat 2pm. Fri 4.45pm, ends 29 Sept. £8-£19.50. Parkgate (01325-486555)

GUILDFORD WONNE ARNAUD THEATRE Good Grief Penelope Keith is directed by Ned Sherrin in the stage ada of Keith Waterhouse's novel studying the grieving process. Mon-Thu 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 12 Sept. £10-£21.50, concs available. Millbrook

GLASGOW KING'S THEATRE Kat And The Kings Musical set in 1950s Cape Town. 7-10 Sept. 7.30pm, Sept 11 & 12, 5.30pm & 8.30pm, mat 8 Sept 2.30pm, £5-£19.50, concs available. Bath Street (0141-287 5511)

HORNCHURCH QUEEN'S THEATRE From A Jack To A King Bob Caritoda rock'n'roll reworking of Macbeth. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 3 Oct. £5.50-£12.50, concs available. Billet Land

ISLE OF MULL MULL LITTLE THEATRE Duet For One A talented violinist coming to terms with her fatal illness. In rep, m, continuin concs £6. Dervalg (01688-400245)

CENTURY THEATRE The Late Edwina Black Turn of the century whodusuit. In rep, tonight 8.15pm. continuit. In Rawnsley Centre (01768-774411)

WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE: COURTYARD THEATRE Disco Pigs Acclaimed contemporary love story from Eoda Walsh. 7-10 Sept. 7.45pm, 11 Sept. 9pm, 12 Sept. 5pm & 9pm, £9, concs £6, Quarry Hill Mount (0113-213 7700)

LEICESTER HAYMARKET THEATRE The Rink Kander and Elbb's sassy musical. Mon-5at 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 26 Sept. £8-£18, concs available. Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797)

THEATRE ROYAL See How They mistake: KOYAL see How They Run Philip King's farce about mistaken ideotities and geoeral confusion. From 7 Sept. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 6.15pm & 9pm, ends 12 Sept. £8.50-£13.50. Clasketgate (01522-525555)

LONDON WEST ENO CHOICE Ticket availability details are for to day: times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. • -Seats at all prices ) — Seats at some prices 3 — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun. (3): Tue. [4): Wed. [5): Thu, (6): Frl, (7): Sat

• BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lavish family musical based on Disney's cartooo version of the favourite fairy tale. Dominion Totenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd, Mon, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, Yue 6.30pm, (4)(7) 2.30pm), £18.50-£35, 150 mlns.

● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musical . Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) & Le-k Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £10.50-£29.50. 165 mlrs.

• CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems, New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 0171-404 4079) O Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (3)[7] 3pm, £12.50-£35.

CHICAGO Ruthie Henshall stars in this hit Broadway musical. Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. (4)[7) 2.30pm, £16-£36 (In-cl booking fee). 130 mins.

B CLOSER Superb study of contemporary sexual relationships from Deoler's Choice author Patrick Marber: Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4](7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50. 140 mins.

• GREASE Marissa Dunkop stars in the stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins. AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christo

pher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall'a acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Theatre Royal. of vinde's comedy. Haymarket 5W1 (0171-930 8800) ⊕ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5) 3pm, (7) 4pm, £7.50-£29.50. 165 mins. ● AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Road, WCZ (0171-494 5085) ● Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm. Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm. [7) 5pm. £10.50-£25, 110 mins.

) JUICY BITS Sexy look at the lives of a selection of twentysomethings. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, ends 12 Sept. £5-£14

● THE LACY BOYS OF BANGROK Cabaret performance, featuring stunning female imper-sonators. Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590) & Picc Circ, Mon-Tue & Thu 8pm, Wed, Fri & Sat 6pm & 8,45pm, ends 26 Sept, £10.50-£30, 110 mins.

**● A LETTER OF RESIGNATION** Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality. Savoy 5trand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) & Charing X/Embankment, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] 3pm, [7) 4pm, £12.50-£25, 135 mlns,

 LOOT Acclaimed revival of Joe Orton's comedy. Vaudeville Strand WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/0 Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. (4) 3pm. (7) 4pm, £8-£25, 110 mins.

■ MAJOR BARBARA Jemma Redgrave and Peter Bowles star in George Bernard Shaw's classic com-edy. Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) ← Picc Circ, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5) 2.30pm, [7] 3pm, £8.50-£27,50, 180 mins,

LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece, Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (5)(7) 2.30pm, £7-£35, 195 mins.

• THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodumit. St Martin's West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, (3) 2.45pm, [7] 5pm, £9-£23, 135 mins.

PHEDRE Diana Rigg stars in Poet Laureate Ted Hughes's new translation of Racine's tragedy, Albery St Martin's Lane, WC2 [0171-369 1730/cc 0171-867 1111) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (7) 3pm, £5-£29.50.

directs Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence, Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 8pm, (4( 3pm, (7( 4pm, ends 12 Sept, £6.50-£23.50.

 THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND & BLACK COMEDY DOUble bill of drama from Tom Stoppard and Peter Schaffer, directed by Gregory Doran. Comedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) & Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7,30pm, (4)(7) 3pm, £7.50-£27.50.

• RENT Musical inspired by La Bo-heme and set in modern day New York Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399) & Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4](7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50, 160 mins.

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE O OLIVIER: Oklahoma! Classic musical from Rodgers and Ham-merstein, featuring the song Oh What A Beautiful Mornin'. Mon-Sat 7.15pm, mars Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 3 Oct. 190 mins.

"LYTTELION: Cleo, Campi Emmanuelle And Oick Terry Jo son's new play looks at the Carry On actors and recreates Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Babs Windsor on stage. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, continuing. Lyttelton: £8-£27. Olivier: £12-£32.50. Day seats from South Bank, SE1 (0171-452

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia, London Patledium Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020)
 Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (41)71 2.30pm, £10-£32.50

(4J)7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. SHOW BOAT Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi featuring the song "Ol" Man River". Prince Edward Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) & Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, )5)(7) 2.30pm, £10-£35. 180 mins.

SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The rock n'roll hit-makers celebrated in a musical revue that in-Casarated in a missical revue that in-cludes "Intihouse Rock". Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) & Leic Sq/Picc Circ, Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8.30pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-£32.50, Fri mats

THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Belioda Lang stars io Alao Ayckbourn's comedy. Duchess Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5j)7) 3pm, £15-£27.50. 140 mins.

● VIA DOLOROSA David Hare writes and performs this meditation Royel Court (at the Duke Of (0171-565 5000) ⊕ Lekc Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm (Sept 8.7pm), ends 3 Oct. E5-E25. FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call FOR HER directorial debut, Caroline Quentin (right) takes on Terry Johnson's farce Dead Funny, a play is about men and women behaving badly. The play observes various shenanigans over the fence between husband-wife-endneighbour, and other members of a dead comics' society who meet twice a month to discuss their heroes - Benny Hill and Frankie Howerd gives an idea of the tone of

the humour. On the more serious side, the play explores the disintegration of a marriage. Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road, Watford, Herts (01923 225671). Ends 26 Sept

Last Call

THE MEANING behind Three Colours Red is anyone's guess. The number is a red herring because Three Colours Red are your traditional four-piece rock band with an elusive style that covers punk, pop. rock and metal. They say: it's anything that sounds good. The Creation opened for the Sex Pistols' Finsbury Park reunion, so it comes as no surprise that they have vital chemistry on stage, generating sweat-splattered and gut-punching beastliness. Wulfun Hall, Wolverhampton (01902 552121) 6 Nov: Leadmill, Sheffield (0114-275 4500) 7 Nov: LA2, London W1 (0171-734 6963) 12 Nov



O WHISTLE DOWN THE WINO Lloyd Webber's new musical based oo the film of the same name. Ald-wych Aldwych. WC2 (0171-416 6000, cc 836 2428) & Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5([7] 3pm, £10-

● THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story Fortune Russell Street, WC2 |0171-836 2238-cc 0171-344 44441 ⊕ Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-5at 8pm, (3) 3pm, (7) 4pm, £8.50-£23.50.

MOLD CLWYD THEATR CYMRU They Offered Bob And Wilma Cash! Tale of a mother son relationship and thwarted ambition in this Midwest Americao drema from 8teveo Froelich, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 19 Sept. £5-£15. Civic Centre (01352-

NEWBURY WATERMILL THEATRE The Government Inspector Gogol's tale of corruption and greed in 1860s Wessex, Mon-Sat 7,30pm, mats Thu & Sar 2.30pm, ends 3 Oct. £6-£15, concs available. Bagnor (01635-46044)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NEWCASTLE PLAYHOUSE A Clockwork Orange Anthony Burgess's provocative and disturb-ing tale of youth violence is brought to the stage. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 12 Sept. £6-£12,75. concs available. Barras Bridge (0191-230 5151)

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME NEW VICTORIA THEATRE Kiss Of The Spider Woman Alan Baker's translation of Manuelk Pung's adult tale of love, sexuality and betrayal. In rep, 7-10 Sept. 7.30pm, Sept. 8pm, continuing, £6.50-£12.50, concs available. Etruria Road (01782-717962)

NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL And Then There Were None Agatha Christie's whodumit set in a lonely house on a remote island. 7-12 Sept. 7.30pm. £3-£15. Theatre Street (01603-630000)

NORTHAMPTON THE DERNGATE Buddy Musical tribute to the tate Buddy Holly. Mon-Thu Sprn, Fri-Sat 5.30pm & 8.30pm. £8.50-£21.50. concs avallable. Gulldhall Road

**ROYAL THEATRE Cider With Rosie** Laurie Lee's classic tale of love in a rural idyll is adapted for the stage. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat 10 Sept 2.30pm, ends 26 Sept. E9-E26 Guildhall Road (01604-632 533)

THEATRE ROYAL Grease Luke Goss stars in the stage version of the hit film, Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Fri 5.30pm, Sat 3pm, ends 19 Sept. £8-£26. Theatre Square (0115-989

PAIGNTON FESTIVAL THEATRE That'll Be The Day Musical taking audiences through 20 years of pop music, from the 1950s to the 1970s. Tonight 8pm. £10. The Seafront (01803-558641

KEY THEATRE Live Bed Show new cornedy. From 7 Sept. Mon-Thu 7.30pm, Fri 6pm & 9pm, Sat 5pm & 8pm, ends 12 Sept. £9-£11.50. mbankment Road (01733-552439)

PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL THEATRE Funny Money Ray Cooney's farce. In rep. 7 & 10 Sept, 8pm, ends 10 Oct. £12.50-£15, concs available.

THEATRE ROYAL Oliver Spectag ular musical about life in Dickensian London, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 12 Sept. E12.50-E30, concs available. Royal Parade South (01752-267222)

SCARBOROUGH ROUNO Comic Potential Alan Ayekbourn comedy. In rep. 10-11 Sept. 2.30pm, ends Sept. 19. £9-£12.50, concs available. Love Songs For Shopkeepers Alan Ayekbourn directs Tim Firth's omedy about a jingle writer with pro-essional and romantic aspirations. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends Sept 26. £9-£12.50. Westborough (01723-370541)

SOUTHAMPTON MAYFLOWER THEATRE GIRIS Night Out Hen-night com 12 Sept, 6pm & 8.30pm. £10-£18. Commercial Road (01703-7 i 1811)

PALACE THEATRE Dead Furnis Caroline Quentin directs Terry Johnson's comedy about a man's obsesssion with dead comedians. Mon Thu 7.4Spm. Fri-Sat 8pm, ends 26 Sept. £4-£15.75, concs £4-£9.50. Clarendon Road (01923-225671)

NEW VICTORIA THEATRE Blood Brothers Willy Russell's class-con-scious musical Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, ends 19 Sept. E8-E21.50, concs available. Peacocks Arts And Entertainments

**EXHIBITIONS** 

ABERGEEN ART GALLERY Japanese Woodcuts Nineteenth-century prints. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 19 Sept. free. Schoolhill (01224-646333)

BERWICK UPON TWEED BERWICK GYMNASIUM GALLERY Derek Roberts Abstract painter. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm, ends 20 Sept. £2.50. concs £1.90, child £1.30. The Barracks (01289-303243)

BIRMINGHAM BARBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS Animals in Art Includes

MAC Networking: Art By Post And Fax International artists including David Hockney, Ends 13 Sept. Nick Danziger: A Tale Of Three Cities Photojournalism documenting

Moorside Road (01274-631756)

BURNLEY MID PENNINE GALLERY Face The Day The human body explored in-cluding the work of Moore and Freud. Mon, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Tue 10am-1pm, ends 12 Sept. free. Vorke Street (01282-421986)

CARLISLE TULLIE HOUSE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY Greek Horizons Studies of modern Greek identities, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12noon-5pm, ends 2 Oct. free. Castle St (01228-534781) FOINBLIRGH

France on Fergusson, Peploe, Cadell and Hunter, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 12noon-5pm, ends 3 Oct. £3, concs £2 (to centre) Market Street (0131-529 3993) NATIONAL GALLERY OF SCOTLAND Effigies And Ecstasies: Roman Baroque Sculpture And Design in The Age Of Bernini Ma-jor exhibition dedicated to the mas-

Warm South: The Colourists And France Examining the impact of

fer of the Italian Baroque era. Mon-Sat 10an-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 20 Sept, free. The Mound (0131-624 6200)

GLASGOW

GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART Representations Of Death, Dying And Disposal in Art Themed work featuring Rembrandt, Serrano and John Bellany, Mon-Thu 9.30am-8,30pm, Sat 10am-12noon, ends 2 Oct, free. Renfrew Street (0141-353 4500)

HUDDERSFIELD

making in Paris: Picasso And His Contemporaries Including Picasso, Malisse and Derain. Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, ends 19 Sept, free

FERENS ART GALLERY Chemical Traces: Art Into Photography 1968-1998 The development of photography as an art form, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1.30pm-4.30pm, ends 27 Sept. £1, children under 13

KENDAL BBOT HALL MUSEUM OF ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AN Head First Touring exhibition of portraiture, Mon-Sun 10.30am-5pm, ends 13 Sept. £2.80, concs available. Abbot Hall (01539-722464)

LEEDS CITY ART GALLERY Where The Rivers Flow: Thomas Joshua Cooper Landscape photographs. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm (Wed until 8pm, closed bank hols). Sun 1pm-Spm. ends 20 Sept. free Headrow (0113-247 8255)

LIVERPOOL WALKER ART GALLERY

Drawings From The Weld-Blundell Collection Newly acquired collection of European drawings. Mon-Sat 10am-Spm, Sun 12noon-Spm, ends 20 Sept. £3, concs £1.50, family £7.50, mems free, William Brown Street (0151-207 0001)

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SIDE GALLERY Karenni - Nation Under Siege: Deao Chapman

Photographs focusing on the mi-norities living under dictatorship in

Burma, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, 5un

DIANOGLY ART GALLERY Ground-

work: Lee Grandjean And Jeremy Hooker Sculpture and poetry

respectively. Mon-Sat 11am-5pm,

Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 20 Sept, free, Arts Centre, University Park (0115-951 3192)

YORK CITY ART GALLERY Totally

Tactile: Jan Niedojadio Interactive foam and rubber sculptures. Mon-Sat

10am-5pm. Sun 2.30pm-5pm. ends 13 Sept. free. Exhibition Square (01904-SS1861)

CLASSICAL

GLENUIG HALL Edinburgh

Ouartet sA selection of string quariets by Beethoven, Dvorak and

7.30pm, £5, concs £3.50. (01463-711112)

LITERATURE

CATHERINE COOKSON GALLERY Gallery devoted to the life and work

of one of Britain's best-loved authors who based much of her

work in and around the North East.

South Shields Museum & Art Gallery Ocean Road (0191-232 6789) Mon-Sat

10am-5.30pm, Sun 1pm-Spm, free.

COMEDY

PILLAR TALK COMEDY AT THE

TOWN HALL Iranian comic Omid Djalili, magical American Rez Boyd,

Andy Smart, MC Sean Percival. Tonight 8.30pm, £5.50 adv, £6.50

door, Imperial Square (01242-227979)

RED RAW AT THE STANO

COMEDY CLUB Eight to ten up and

coming comics try out with MC Liane

Ellis. Tonight Sprn, £1. York Place (0131-558 7272)

Regent Street (01926-831111)

RAW AT FROG & BUCKET Open mic night for aspiring comics with MC and headlining act. Mon 8pm, £3. Oldham

JASPER CARROTT AT GRAND

THEATRE Popular Brummie comic wows the fans. Tonight 7.30pm.

wows the fans. Tonight 7.30pm, £10.50-£16.50. Singleton Street

**CLUBS** 

PLASTIC FANTASTIC AT CIRCO DJ Ryan from Numb Projects plays eclectic electrooice. Tonight

8pm-2am, free. Holloway Circus

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night with salsa lessons from 7pm to

9pm. Yonight 7pm-2am, £4, £3 before 10pm, free before 9pm. Market Pas-

SCARFACE AT PO NA NA Hip hop and soul session. Tonight 10pm-2am. £3.5t Mary's Street (01222-303233)

WARPED AT HOLLYWOOO'S Student night playing indie, alternative and metal. Tonight 9pm-2am, £3.50, £3 before 10.30pm, £2.50 before

SWEET REVIVAL AT LIQUID Funk,

hip hop, soul and house. Tonight 10pm-2am. £3.50, NUS £2.50. Central

BLESSED AT THE REPUBLIC Hard.

uplifting and funky house from Matt Hardwick and Ricky Chopes, Tonight

10pm-2am, £3, NUS £2, Arundel

(01473-230666)

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Road (0113-246 9595)

Street (0174-249 2210)

Princess Street

Street (0161-236 9805)

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11am-3pm, ends 13 Sept, free. Side (0191-232 2200)

wurk by Delacroix and Goya. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 20pm-5pm, ends 27 Sept, free. Edgbaston (0121-414 7333)

Glasgow, Kabul and Tijuana, Mon-Sat 9am-11pm. Sun 9am-10.30pm, ends 20 Sept. free. Cannon Hill Park (0121-440 3838)

INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM Textiles, Indian Women Today Customs that have managed to resist change since Mayan civilisation. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 12noon-5pm. ends 27 Sept. E2, £1 child (to museum).

CITY ART CENTRE Full Of The

SCOTTISH NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART Mona Hatoum A retrospective of Elatou's work since the mid-1980s. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 25 Oct, free. Belford Road (0131-624 6200)

ENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS Exist And Situate Video artists including Mona Hatoum, Damien Hirst, Gilbert and George and John Maybury. Mon-Sat 11am-6pm. Sun 12noon-5pm, ends 19 Sept, free. Sauchlehall Street (0141-332 7521)

HUDDERSFIELD ART GALLERY Neither Use Nor Ornament: Gavin Parry Photographs of car boot sales. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, 5at 10am-4pm. ends 26 Sept. free. Princess Alexandra Walk (01484-221964) **HUNTERIAN ART GALLERY Print-**

MERCER ART GALLERY Great Expectations Diverse selection of works dating back to Medieval times. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 27 Sept, free. Swan Road (01423-503340)

Victoria Square (01482-613902)

**EVENTS** 

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CHELTENHAM INTRODUCTION TO FILM ANIMATION (OVER 125) Learn the secrets behind creating e popular cartoon, with Justine Dolan, the creator of Spot the Dog. Aniom Centre Winchcombe Street (01242. 253183) Mon 4pm-6pm, ends 30 Nov. £55 for course, concs £50.

HEVER ANNE BOLEYN BOOKS OF HOURS EXHIBITION Exhibition centred around richly Illuminated 1450 manuscript signed & inscribed by former Hever resident Anne Boleyn - a recently-acquired treasure. Hever Castle & Gardens (01732-865224) Mon-Sun 11am-Spm. ends 30 Nov. £7. OAP £6, child (5-16) £3.80, family £17.80 (castle & grounds).

LIVERPOOL PENOM EXHIBITION Live creatures ng rattlesnakes, tarant and lethal poison arrow frogs pkm special effects and interactive hys. Liverpool Museum Willia Brown Street (0151-478 4399) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm, ends 22 Nov. NMGM pass £3. cones £1,50, family £7.50.

SGT PEPPER'S MAGICAL MYSTERY TRIP A musical celebration of The Beatles in their home town. Neptune Theatre Hanover Street (0151-709 7844) Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 26 Sept, £7-£10, concs £6-£8.

MAHOMITTON LOOKOUT! MEDIEVAL PLAY-GROUND ON THE CASTLE GREEN Playground recreating life in the Middle Ages with watch towers, mosaic pathways and historic artefacts, Nottlingham Castle Museum & Art Gallery (0115-9153700) Mon-Sun 10am 5pm, ends 31 Dec. free, Sat, Sun £2,

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DAWYCK BOTANIC GARDEN. Specialist garden features azaleas, rhododendrons and rare Chinese conifers. Botanics Shop plant sales.

Dawyck Botanic Garden off the
B712 (01721-760254) Mon-Sun 9.30am-6pm, ends 31 Oct, £3, concs £2.50, child £1, family £7, sea-

son tickets available.

MY ST ALBANS Celebration of the asked to contribute an object representing their lives - either a personal item or from the Museums' collections, Museum of St Albans Hatfield Road (01727-819340) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-

5pm, ends 1 Nov, free. MUSIC

EZIO Cambridge duo play acoustic music selected by the PM 10 accompany him to a desert island. Ronnie Scott's Broad Street (0121-643 4525) Tonight 8pm, £12.50, mems £6, concs £7.50.

**5OZZLED SAUSAGE COMEDY** CLUB AT SOZZLED SAUSAGE DARLINGTON Justin Rosenholtz, Paul Rogan, Bert Tyler Moor. Tonight 8pm. £6, NUS £5. VICE SOUAD Beki Bondage fronts the veteran glue-puok ootfit. Flibuster & Firkin Skinnergate (01325-368555) Tonight 8.30pm, phone for prices.

> writer, whose achievements are not limited to penning Wild Thing for the Troggs. 13 th Noce Glassford Street (0141-553 1638) Youight 8.30pm. PURESSENCE Jamie Mudricizio's Manchester indie rockers tour the new album, Only Forever, King Tut's Wah Wah Hut 5t Vincent Street

CHIP TAYLOR Renowned US song-

(0141-221 5279) Tonight 9pm, £6.50. GREGG WRIGHT'S LEFT HOOK Blues and boogie-rock trio. Fuggle & Firkin Gloucester Street (01865-727265) Tonight 8.30pm, free.

**MUSIC** JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

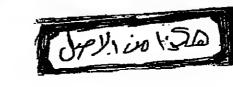
BARNSLEY YORKSHIRE STOMPERS Ever popular trad jazz revivalists Sikstone Lodge Cone Lane (01226-281805) Tonight 8.30pm, free.

ANDY HAMILTON & THE BLUE NOTES Veteran Caribbean R&B sexophonist, Bear Tavern High Street, Bearwood (0121-429 1184)-Tonight 9pm, £4, concs £3. BRISTOL SEVERN JAZZMEN Trad and swips favourites. Old Duke King Street (0117-927 7137) Tonight:

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LEICESTER HARLEM Alistar Ellingtonia. Forest Lodge Hotel Desford Road. Kirty Muxice (0)16-239 3125) Tonight

MART RODGER MANCHESTER JAZZ Staunch trad and swing eight plece. Oldsbury Cricket Club Wilmstow Road (0161-445 5347) Tonight 8,30pm, £3.



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# MONDAY RADIO

(97.6-99.8MHz FM ) 6.30 Chris Moyles, 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Dave Pearce. 6,30 Lamacq Live. 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs. 12.00 The Breezeblock. 2.00 Emma B. 4.00 - 6.30 Clive Warren.

(88-90.2MHz FM ) 6.00 Alex Lester. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan, 9.30 Ken Bruca, 12.00 Jimmy Young, 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00 Humphrey Lyttetton. 8.00 Big Band 8.30 Chris Barber Jazz Diaries. 9.30 Mark Lamarr. 10.30 Richard Allinson, 12.05 Steve Madden, 3.00 4.00 Annie Othen.

90.2-92.4MHz FM ) 6.00 On Air. 6.00 Masterworks 10.30 Proms Artist of the Week. 11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Leos Janacek 1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert 2.00 BBC Proms 98. 2.45 The Pied Piper of Hamelin. 3.05 Concert, part 2. 4.00 Opera to Order. 4.45 Music Machine. (R)

5.00 in Tune. 8.00 BBC Proms 98. A visiting orchestra comes to the Proms with the distinctive national sound of the Czech Republic. The earthy style of their compatriot Janacek is linked to a similar Viennese tradition, which Mahler tapped into and brilliantly transformed. Czech Philharmonic/ Charles Mackerras. Janacek: Suite 'The Cunning Little Vixen':

9.00 Britons and Bohemians. Shakespeare's A Winter's Tale gave it a coastline it did not possess, and Neville Chamberlain famousty called it 'a far away country\_ of whom we know nothing. Why have the British misunderstood the Czech lands? 9.20 Concert, part 2. Mahler: Symphony No 1

10.25 Postscript. A five-part series in which leading philosophers offer their appreciation of great thinkers who have influenced their work and understanding of the world, 1: Aristotle, Martha Nussbaum, professor of law and ethics at the

Sky Movies Screen 1

(1973) (97129), **2.00** Little Shop of Horrors (1986) (96587), **4.00** After Jimmy (1996) (2674), **6.00** A Kid in King Arthur's Court

(1985) (73823). **6.00** Moses (85663). **10.00** Johnny Mnemonic (1995) (346216). **11.40** Hijacked: Flight 285 (1995) (468842).

1.15 The Cherokee Kid (1996) (587330). 2.50 - 6.00 Crime of the Century (1996)

4.00 The Scarlet Empress\* (1934)

(9013571). **6.00** Major Leegue (1989)

(2990574), 6.00 The World's Greates

Lover (1977) (2699991). 10.00 The Abyss (1989) (63173674). 12.20 When the Cat's

Away (1996) (1509514). 2.00 Les Patterson

Saves the World (1987) (3899458). 3.30 I

Met Him in Paris\* (1937) (37022408). 4.55

6.00 The A-Team (7278216), 9.00 Real

Stories of the Highway Patrol (3011281). 9.30 Cope (4647945). 10.00 The Besement (8166823). 10.30 Red Shoe Diaries

(B175571), 11.00 Film: Honor: Warlook: the Armageddon (1933) (4159026). **1.00** Beverly Hills Bordello (7026359). **1.30** Red

Shoe Diaries (4106934). 2.00 The Base-

3.00 Films Adventures of a Private Eye

Highway Patrol (8261330). 5.30 - 6.00 Freeky Stories (2073773).

4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures

(1977) (7927972). 5.00 Real Stories of the

(2963552), 4.30 Top Marques (2969736). 5.00 Fightline (612613), 5.30 Jurassica I

(2056216), 6.00 Wildlife SOS (2053129).

ment (7178750), 2.30 Cops (7197885).

Sky Movies Gold

(6257682).

PICK OF THE DAY

therapy? Anna Hill puts an array of oils to the test in African Aromatherapy (11am R4), She meets the farmers who grow the ingredients, and investigates some of the local plants that were initially grown for medical purposes and have now been appropriated by aromatherapists. Keiko's Story (9pm R4) follows the fate of the acclaimed

University of Chicago, champions

the thinking of the ancient Stoics about our obligations to one

another as citizens of the world. She argues that we need to develop

further their theories of international

lew. (R) 10.40 A Secret Mass. A BBC

invitation concert recreates the

mass as it might have been heard in the early 17th century. William Byrd's five-part mass is

interwoven with motets from his

by contemporaries Orlando

James O'Donnell

11.30 Jazz Notes.

Radio 4 (924-946MHz FM )

6.00 Today. 9.00 A Week with...

12.57 Weather.

1.00 The World at One.

2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

1.30 Words in Music.

3.00 Money Box Live.

3.45 Tha Lyrical Ballads.

1605 Gradualia and organ works

Gibbons, John Bull and Thomas

Tomkins. Choir of Westminster Cathedral, Andrew Reid (organ)/

Hanns Elsier and Kurt Well (R)

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

9.30 Let the Rumpus Begin. (R)

9.45 The Owls Watchsong.

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

11.00 NEWS; African Aromatherapy. See Pick of the Day. 11.30 Little Novels. (R)

215 Afternoon Play: From a Distance.

3.30 Blind Man on Flampage. (R)

12.00 Proms Composers of Week:

sounds of a clandestina Catholic

HIPPY FODDER or genuine actor Keiko (right), aka Willy, the killer whale who narrowly escaped becoming fish pie in two Hollywood blockbusters, Despite being a symbol of freedom. Keiko has found himself trapped in Tinseltown. Now, on the eve of his return to Iceland, Mark Carwardine discovers Keiko's contribution to the progress of science during his captivity. FIONA STURGES



4.00 NEWS; The Food Programme. 4.30 Four Corners. 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 The Very World of Milton

7.00 NEWS; The Archers. 7.15 Front Row. Seamus Heaney, winnar of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995, joins Mark Lawson to discuss poetry and politics in the light of a new collection of his versa. 7.45 Dear Jayne Browne. End of Innocence by Nick Fisher. Voices from the past call Jayna back to a final reckoning and reveal crucial clues to the identity of her nameless correspondent. With Jill Balcon, Stella Gonet, Angela Pleasence and Valerie Sarruf. Director Celia da

8.00 NEWS; Dr Feelgood, A sporting clientale that includes Boris Becker, Colin Jackson and the entire German national football team has confirmed Hans Muller-Wohlfahrt as one of the world's leading orthopaedic doctors, but controversy still surrounds his use of animalextract injections and homeopathic remedies, lan Stafford profiles the man they call 'Dr Feelgood'. (R) 8.30 in This Together. Tony Blair has presented a vision of Britain in which no-one is left out. How is it shaping up? In Need: the Government remains committed to welfare reform, putting an emphasis on work rather than cash hand-outs. Jenny Cuffe visits families in Whythenshawe, Manchester, and asks what will happen to the poor

on offer in Blair's new Britain. 9.00 NEWS; Kelko's Story. Preparations for the return to iceland of the killer whale who starred in the film Free Willy have provided scientists with revelatory new discoveries about the mammal. But, as Mark Carwardine finds out, controversy continues to surround Kelko's real-life journey to freedom. See Pick of the Day. 9.30 A Week with... Behind the scenes of the week's big event. 10.00 The World Tonight, With

isabel Hilton. 10.45 Book at Sedtime: Among the Ruins. Gerard McSorley reads the first of five short stories by Brian Friel When Joe and his family return to Corradinna, he is visited by old memories and an unexpected realisation. 11.00 Radio 4 Appeal. For a charity that helps those affected by Huntington's disease. 11.02 Antoine et Dougie. 11.30 The Music That Binds Us. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Book; Tales from

Ovid (R) 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 - 12.04 News Headines: Shipping Forecast, 5.54 - 5.57 who cannot take up the opportunities Shipping Forecast.

Radio 5 Live (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Nationwide. 7.00 News Extra. 7.30 Master Managers, Bryon Butter reassesses the careers of six outstanding postwar football managers.

3: Alf Ramsey. 8.00 England's World Cup. Alan Green presents an in-depth look at England's chances of staging the 2006 World Cup. The panel includes Sir Geoff Hurst.

10.00 Late Night Live. Nick Robinson sets tomorrow's agenda today, including at 1030 a full round-up of the day's sport, and at 1100 a late news briefing. LOO Up All Night

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

Classic FM (1000-1019MHz FM ) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Michael Mappin. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

(1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Bobby Hain, 100 Nick Abbot, 4.00 Mark Forrest /FM only Paul Coyte from 645. 7.30 Paul Coyte. 10.00 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Peter Poulton. 4.30 -6.30 Jeremy Clark

**World Service** (198kHz LW) 100 Newsdesk. 130 Westway. 145 Britain Today. 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 Bringing Up Baby, 3.00 Newsday, 3.30 On Screen. 4.00 World News. 4.05 World Business Report. 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 - 7.00 The World Today.

Talk Radio 7.00 Bill Overton and Kirsty Young. 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 11.00 Lorraine Kelly. 1.00 Anna Reeburn. 3.00 Tommy Boyd. 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abbot. 9.00 James Whale. 1.00 lan Collins. 5.00 -7.00 Early Show with Bill Overton.

#### INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

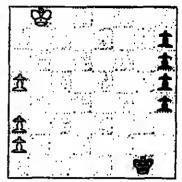
CHESS JON SPEELMAN

ONE OF the questions which people often ask on first meeting those of my ilk is: "How many moves can you see ahead?". Apparently sensible, this is not really very well defined, being somewhat analagous to the one about the length of a piece of string. For the answer, of course, is that it depends on the position.

In his classic and possibly admirable but enormously didactic work. Think Like a Grandmaster (still in print, available from BT Batsford at £14.99), the late Alexander Kotov discussed at length the "tree of analysis" which, depending on the position, may be either a long straight trunk or, at the opposite extreme, a thicket. I believe I once described it in an interview as being Stalinist, though that's rather too strong: he insisted that in order to be efficient, "In analysing complex variations one must examine each branch of the tree once and once only", and I've never in my life met a player who operates according to that precept.

In a thicket of variations the position may be so complex that even a player of my strength will be delighted to see accurately more than a move or so ahead. In the opposite case, though, it may be possible for even a moderate player to gaze far into the distance.

Take this admittedly obviously contrived example. It's simply a race between the passed pawns and the first 15 moves by both sides are "ob-



precisely when to move his king out of the way of the rook's pawns.

The situation then is slightly more complex, since if Black didn't have his last pawn then it would be a draw due to stalemate; he would have no legal move after 24.Qf2. I suppose, in principle, the whole line right up to 25.Off mate could be "analysed": though any strong player would stop after 15.a8=Q+.

1.a6 h3	14.a7 h2
2.a7 h2	15.a8Q+ Kg1
3.a8Q h1Q	16.Qa1+ Kg2
4.Qxhl + Kxhl	17.Qg7+ Kf2
5.a4 h4	18.Qf6+ Kg2
6.a5 h3	19.Qg5+ Kf2
7.a6 h2	20.Qh4+ Kg2
8.a7 Kg1	21.Qg4+ Kf2
9.a8Q h1Q	22.Qh3 Kg1
10.Qxhl + Kxhl	23.Qg3+ Kh1
11.a4 h5	24.Qf2 h5
12.a5 h4	25.Qfl Mate
13. <b>a</b> 6 h3	

vious", although Black can choose jspeelman@compuserve.com

Love all; dealer South

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#### BRIDGE ALAN HIRON

A FEW days ago I described how South made Four Hearts doubled after a mis-defence. Could be always have made his contract after the lead of \$K?

This has been the bidding: South West North East 1NT pass 2D dble 3D 3H pass 2H pass 4D 4H pass pass dble All pass

Try this. Win with A, lead a heart to the ace, cash the two top spades, ruff a diamond and exit with a trump to West's king. He now has two possibilities. If he cashes A, he finds himself end-played into either leading a club away from his queen or conceding a ruff and discard (nor is + 10 any better). So it looks as though his best bet is to exit with #Q, preserving his two club tricks and apparently avoiding an immediate endplay.

In fact this gives South two chances. After winning with + K, he can duck a club completely to West, again end-playing him, or more elegantly, exit with a spade. East wins and plays another spade but ruffing! Now it is East who is end-

**+J43** ♥AJ9843 07 4K83 West East +96 +Q1082 ♥K2 ♥Q 10 OKQ62 OJ 109843 **4**A Q 1092 **4**5 South **◆**AK75 **♥765 ◊A**5 \*J764

played - when he gives the ruff and discard, dummy'a last club goes

Is that all? No! Suppose West plays + K on the first trump lead (a dangerous play, for his partner may have • Q singleton). Now it is East who wins the next trump - he can safely play spades and is still in touch with his partner's +A. Just one round of spades by declarer first? No good, for when in with dummy discards a club instead of A West will still have a safe

## SATELLITE AND CABLE

#### PICK OF THE DAY

Valley Adventure (9638194), 7:45 Buck and the Magic Bracelet (1997) (26601769), 9.00 Alaska (1996) (16200), 11.00 An Unexpected Family (1996) (27552). 1.00 Buck and the Magic Bracelet (1997) (90215), 3:00 La-(1996) (61179), **Z.O.O.** An Unexpected Family (1996) (49026), **9.00** Touched by Evil (1996) (96397), **11.00** Dangerous Minds (1995) (360991). 12.40 Basquist (1996) (893446). 2.35 Only When I Laugh (1981) assessment of Gene Kelly (right) and Stanley Dooen's enduring (580381). 4.35 - 6.00 The Land before Time II: the Great Valley Adventure classic about Hollywood's move from silents to talkies? It may be shown often, but the sequence in Sky Movies Screen 2 6.00 The Last American Hero (1973) (62262). 8JOO After Jimmy (1996) (95638) 10.00 A Kid in King Arthur's Court (1995) (41200), 12.00 The Last American Hero

THE NEW YORKER called Singin' contrasting characters of the in the Rain (9pm TNT) bickering space-travellers stuck perhaps the most enjoyable of together in the craft. The BBC's all movie musicals", and who long-running sci-fi sitcom has are we to disagree with that some of the most devoted fans around; they go to conventions wearing Rimmer's "H" on their foreheads. Those aficionados will be delighted by the prospect of a six-pack of episodes tonight. As which Kelly sings and dances in Lister would no doubt advise the rain never loses its lustre. you lay on extra supplies of lager The key to the success of Red and curry. Dwarf (9pm UK Gold) is the JAMES RAMPTON

6.30 Ultimete Guide - Dogs (5797281). 7.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (2960465), 8.00 The Adventurers (7178262), **6.00** Killer Weather: Killer Quake (7198026), **10.00** Drills and Spills: Panama Canal (7191113), 11.00 Strike Force: Mig 29 (7053736). 22,00 Flightline (3528868), **12.30** Top Marques (6597514). **1.00** Adrenain Rush Hour! Shark Hunters

8.00 Tattooed Teenage Allen Fighters from Beverly Hills (93129), 8.30 Street Sharks (12200), 9.00 Garfield and Friends (11662). 9.30 The Simpsons (45026). 10.00 Games World (2680)29). 10.15 Games World (2590552), 10.30 Just Kidding (11656), 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (39649), 12.00 Married with Children (96216), 12.30 M\*A\*S\*H (7015736). 12.55 The Special K Collection (61680571), 1.00 Geraldo (3023194), 1.55 The Special K Collection (51859642). 2.00 Salty Jessy Raphael (2975295). 2.55 The Special K Collection (9127991) 3.00 Jenny Jones (4727455). 3.55 The Special K Collection (1909281). 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (38216). 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (6200). 6.00 Married with Children (8533), 6.30 Friends (2113). 7.00 The Simpsons (7129). 7.30 Real TV (8397). 8.00 Star Treic Voyager (81842). 6.00 Siders (78378). 10.00 Chicago Hope (71465). 11.00 Friends (39945). 11.30 Star Trek: Deep

Space Nine (85277), 12.30 Nowhere Man (99595). **1.30 - 6.00** Long Play (5852392).

Sky Sports 1
7.00 Football League Review Oxford v
Portsmouth (21486), 8.30 Racing News
(9713), 9.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (88485). 9.30 Basketball - Sainsbury's Classic (633465). 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (71129), 12.30 What a Weekend (27842). 1.00 Cricket - AXA Life League Gloucester v Somerset (4390200). 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (4303). 6.30 What a Weekand (2755). 7.00 Football League Review (27858) 6.00 Mictorcycling Special (39084), 10.00 Sky Sports Centre 320194), 1035 Orlicket - AXA Life League Gloucester v Somerset (487194), 11.45 Sky Sports Centre (359794, 12.00 Foot-ball League Review (82224, 1.06 Motorcy-cing Special (13601), 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (23062663), 3.15 Close.

Sky Sports 2 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (7487262), 7.30 Racing News (7406397), 8,00 Ford Got USA - Greater Miwaukee Open (5390736). 10.00 Euro Tour Golf - Canon European Masters (7495281), 11.00 Motorcycling Imola Grand Prix (5345026). 1.00 Drag Racing (7486533), 1.30 This Week in Baseball (9121397), 2.00 Termis Fed Cup This Week in Baseball (1799200), 10.30 V-Max (1775620). 11.00 Survival of the Fittest (5123561). 11.30 World Windsurfing Tour (5399007), 12,00 Beach Volleyball (7143595), 12.30 Termis (7134791), 4.00 Sky Sports Centre (92426446), 4.15 Close.

Sky Sports 3 12.00 Footbell League Review Oxford v Portsmouth (86194129). 1.30 NFL (#989620). 5.00 Football League Review (34778465). 6.00 World Windsurfing Tour (31562129). 6.30 Survival of the Fittest (31473281), **Z.00** Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors (34779194), **Z.30** Fish TV (\$1479485). 6.00 Dancing (98657736), 9.00 Football League Pizview (98660200), 10.00 Sky Sports Classics Darts: 1994 WDC World Championship Semi-Final (98743587). 11.00 Olympic Series Olympic Destinies (25325282), tL30 Close

Eurosport 7.30 Athletics (35128113). 9.15 Cycling: Tour of Spein (1801571). 10.00 Xtrems Sports (77823). 11.00 Footbal (57194). 1.00 Duathlon (17485). 2.00 Cycling: You of Spain (89581). 4.00 Vito Outdoor Speor span (89061), 4.30 Football (96587), 6.00 Motor Sport (14559, 7.00 Xtrems Sports (12736), 6.00 Strength (21484), 9.00 Foot-ball (24571), 11.00 Boding (78562), 12.00 Xtreme Sports (89507), 12.30 Close. UK Gold

7.00 Crossroads (7/42674), 7.30 Neighbours (7352194), 7.55 EastEnders (4704858), 8.30 The Bil (3169910), 9.00 The Bil (8150262), 9.30 Bergerac (7780026), 10.30 The Sulivans (8252674). 11.00 Dallas (5295194). 11.55 Neighbours

(53431587), 12,25 EastEnders (5772465). 1.00 Al Creatures Great and Smell (4564669, 2.00 Dallas (5144604), 2.55 The Bit (8220674), 3.25 The Bit (4174910). 3.55 Bergerac (1196823), 4.55 East-Enders (8517804), 5.30 Angels (2058674). 6.00 All Creatures Great and Small 904. 7.00 The Cornedy Alternative: Don't Walt Up (8355987). "L40 The Comedy Alternetive: Dad's Army (2027991). 8.20 The Comedy Attemetive: Some Mothers (8843397). See Pick of the Day. 9.40 Red Dwerf (93916A), 10.20 Red Dwarf (2435151), 11.00 Red Dwarf (7792262). 11.35 Red Dwarf (2602216), 12.10 Red Dwarf (8851717). 12.45 The Bill (9001501). 145 The Bil (9006514) 1.45 Casualty (45651205), 2.55 - 7.00 Shopping at Night (95020088).

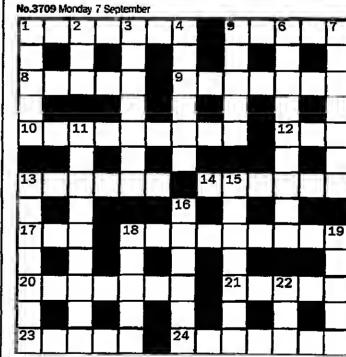
Living 6.00 Tiny Living (3105755), 9.00 Special Babies (8307552), 9.30 Beyond Bellef: Fact or Fiction (746378), 10.00 Jerry Springer (6740007), 10.50 Polonda (5759804). 11.40 Brookside (36217216). 12.30 Jimmy's (2636939). 12.45 Rescue 911 (5129378). 1.15 Ready, Steady, Cook (4300736), 1.50 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (13613261), 2,20 Living It Up! (8867303), 3,20 Rolonda (9622620), 4,10 Tempesti (8596587). 5.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (1840804). 5.35 Can't Cook, Worlt Cook 5499007). 6.10 Jerry Springer (5955649) 7.00 Rescue 911 (9009378), 7.30 Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction (8544674), 8.00 Murder Call (2999945). 9.00 Films: Lightning in a Bottle (1994) (2896804). 11.00 The Sex Files (8805281), 12.00 Closs.

9.00 Film: Unnissables: Single' in the Hain (1952). See Pick of the Day (19658465).

11.00 Films: Urmissables: The Big Steep\*
(1946) (61254991). 1.00 Films: Write Heat\*
(1949) (61245243). 3.00 Films: Damon
Seed (1977) (71849059). 5.00 Close.

Paramount Comedy Charmel 7.00 Roseanne (513), 7.30 Costov (928) 6.00 Grace under Fire (1533), 8.30 Spin City (2228), 9.00 Ellen (98668), 9.30 Se Infeld (13020). 10.00 Frasier (90200). 10.30 Cheers (79620). 11.00 Kenny Everett (93113), 11,30 The Lerry Sanders Show (55113), 12,00 Late Night with David Letterman (90965). 1.00 Seturday Night Live (51445), 2.00 Dr Katz (87359), 2.30 Soap (66566), 3.00 The Kids in the Hall (82243), 3.30 Nightstand (80446).

### CONCISE CROSSWORD



#### **ACROSS**

Easy catches (7) Name of eight English kings Classify (5)

9 Bird (7) 10 Arrest (9) 12 OT priesi (3) 13 Spanish currency (6) 14 Leapt (6) 17 Billiards implement (3) 18 Explosive substance (9)

20 Capable of being read (7) 21 Finished (5) 23 Funeral song (5) 24 Bitterness (7)

Method (6) Cache of treasure etc (5) Person in charge of young children (9) Gaping (7) 11 Fare (9) 13 Preserved in vinegar (7) 15 Constituent of living organisms (7) 16 Charm (6)

18 End of house (5)

19 Navigation aid (5)

Greek letter (5)

High mountain (7)

Beverage (3)

Solution to last Saturday's Concise Crossword:

DOWN

ACROSS: 1 Buoys, 4 Terrace (Boisterous), 8 Overrun, 9 Dacha, 10 Emmi, 11 Leonine 13 View, 15 Stayed, 20 Egg-sog, 20 Earl, 22 Fireman, 24 April, 26 Roast, 27 Haircut, 25 Siellar, 29 Lupin, DOWN: 1 Brokers, 2 Ocean, 3 Survive, 4 Tangle, 5 Rodeo, 6 Anction, 1 Emse, 12 Ewer, 14 Idea, 16 Acreage, 18 Glacial, 19 Gelatin, 21 Anchor, 22 Forks, 23 Motel, 25 Recap.

# REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

N Ireland As BBC1 London except 6.30 Newsine 630 10.00 Motorbice Racing 10.45 Film: Jade 12.15 Return to Normandy 12.35 Film: The HB 2.25 6.00 Joins RRC News 24 Scotland As BBC1 London except: 6.00 News 6.30 - 7.00 Reporting Scot-

les As BBC1 London except: 6.30 -7.00 Wales Today 10.00 Mad on Science 10.35 Film: Jace 12.05 Return to Normandy 12.25 Film: The Hill 2.25 - 6.00 Joins BBC News 24

Auglia As Cartton except: 12.20 Angla News and Weather (4945465). 1.00 Split Second (88991). 1.30 Horne and Away (88303). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (3354910). 2.45 Stepping the World (948741). 3.20 Anglia News (5729200). 5.40 Shortland Street (9604633). 6.00 Horne and Away (885910). 6.25 Anglia News (965864). 7.00 Plecipe for Disaster (6567). 10.00 ITN Shews; Westher (6507). 10.30 Anglia News and Weether (225658). 1.40 Reregade (86465). 1.40 World Football (536643). 2.05 Peel Stories of the Highway Patrol (2244406). 2.30 Cubavision (9496392). 3.10 Vanassa

(1833224). 4.00 Judge Judy (57572576). 4.20 Soundrax (55612779). 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (57392750), 5.00 Coronation Street (80428).

Central
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Point (88991). 2.45 Hgh Road (948741).
3.20 Central News (5729200). 5.10 3.20 Central News (5729200), 5.30 Shortland Street (9604533), 6.00 Home and Away (885910), 6.25 Central News and Weether (995884), 10.30 Central News, Weether and Travel Update (225858), 11.40 Baywatch Nights (896465), 3.30 Jobinder (2459999), 5.20 Asian Eye

As Carlton excepts 10.15 This Morning (730303), 12.15 HTV News (2482378), 1.00 Animal Country (83891), 1.30 Home and Away (86803), 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (8354810), 2.45 Stepping the World (948741), 3.20 HTV News (5729203), 5.30 Get Gardening (9604533), 8.00 Home and Away (885910), 6.25 Water Tonight (985864), 7.00 Wild Tracks (5587), 10.30 HTV News (225558), 11.40 Renegade (896465), 1.40 World Football (8388243), 2.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2244408), 2.30 Clubs/Ision (9498392). HTV Wales

3:10 Vanessa (1833224), 4:00 Judge Judy (67572576), 4:20 Soundhax (55972779), 4:40 ITV Nightscreen (67392750), 5:00 Commetion Street (60425). HTV West

As HTV Wales except: 1.00 BLT As Int V Wales encapt: 1.00 SJ (8899), 2.45 BJ (945/4), 5.40 Yan Can Cook - the Best of China (9604536), 6.25 HTV Wast Weather (599216), 6.30 The West Tonight (945), 2.00 Secrets of the Moor (5567), 11.40 Midnight Cetter

Meridian
As Cariton except: 10.35 This Morring (730803, 12.35 Meridian News and Weather (2482378), 1.00 Shoritand Street (8891), 1.30 Horns and Away (88303), 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (3354910), 2.45 Cuids in (94874), 3.20 Meridian News and Weather (5725200, 5.37 The Listings (52813), 6.00 Meridian Tonight (455), 6.30 Country Ways (945), 7.00 Antiques Trail (6587), 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (226888), 1440 The Pier (226888), 1440 The Pier (226888), 1240 The 128884271. (238484) 12.05 The Listings (9828427), 12.30 Public Morals (8194750), 1.40 World Footbell (8396343), 2.05 Reel Stories of the Highway Patrol (2244408), 2.30 Clubs Vision (9498392), 3.10 Vanessa (1833224), 4.00 Judge Judy (67572578).

**4.20** Soundtrex (55912779), **4.40** TV Nightscreen (57392750), **5.00** Freescreen (50428),

Westcountry
As Cariton except: 10.15 This Morning
(730303): 12.25 Westcountry News
(2492378): 12.27 Iturinations (4853484)
1.00 High Road (88991): 2.45 Dig it with
Den (948741): 3.20 Westcountry News
(5723200): 6.00 Westcountry Live (9823): 10.30 Westcountry News (25858) 11.40 Bayweich Nights (898485), 1.40 World Football (5386243), 2.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2244408), 2.30 Cube Vision (9498392), 3.40 Vanessa (633224), 4.00 Judge Judy (67572575), 4.20 Soundtrax (55972776), 4.40 TTV Nightscreen (67382750), 5.00 Coronation Street (67426).

Yorkshire
As Cariton except: 1035 This Morning (730303), 1235 Calendar News and Weather (2492378), 1,00 Home and Away (5129587), 1,25 The Jury Springer Show (3797755), 2,30 Coronation Street (488397), 2,45 Shortland Street (94871), 3,20 Calendar News (5729200), 5,40 News (482648), 6,30 Tonight (945), 10,30 Celendar News and Weather (226858),

1L40 The Wright Verdicts (895465). 4.20 Jobfinder (8915175).

Tyrre Tees
As Yorkshire except: 12.15 North East
News and Weather (2492376). 3.20 North
East News (5722000). 5.55 North East Weather (515649), 6.00 North East Tonight (99223), 10.30 North East News (225858).

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As Channel 4 except: 12.30 Sesame
Street (\$45813), 1.00 Stot Meithrin: ABC a
Drig Dong (\$408858), 1.30 Testes of
Britain (\$457484), 2.00 Classic Homes
(\$860842), 2.30 Moving People
(\$85613), 3.00 Real Gardens (\$9646849),
3.30 The Living Sea (\$8231858), 4.00
Pitteen to One - the Big Winners (\$8147485),
4.30 Ricki Lake (\$3149849), 5.00 SPump:
Pendotfobla (\$645782), 5.15 Fiell
(\$6255788, 5.30 Countdown (\$8230129). Pendroffobia (56457262). 5.15 Flail (6455736). 5.30 Countdown (58230129). 6.00 Newyddion 6 (57725167). 6.05 Heno (66074642). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (5565281). 7.25 Radicalaid Cettaidd (57542281). 6.00 Gair am Aur (59647378). 8.30 Newyddion (59659163). 9.00 Heftod Hedd (85652823). 9.30 Sgorio (13877829). 10.35 Film: Carry On Constable<sup>9</sup> (40376587). 1230 NYPO Blue (86122834). 1.05 Critical Condition (84303872). 1.35 In Your Dreams (73461205). 2.05 Close.



TELEVISION REVIEW

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH
TITY, Sat) is ITV's moment of
iruth. The show challenges
ordinary contestants to
perform some task that
normally would be beyond
them. They get e week to
practise. If they pull it off, it's
big-prize bonanza time for the
whole family, who bile their
halls in the wings knowing
thet they could complete the
challenge standing on their
head in e hammock.

Broadcasting Systems Inc program Happy Family Plan". So it's not entirely original. To think that Clive James'e career in television wes kickstarted on ITV by extracting laughe from ridiculous Jepanese game shows. Television in Jepan has come on in leaps and bounds, or ITV has regressed equivalently.

In the opening episode, a labitually clumsy man had to all a house of cards. A romen with e colender for a nemory had to recite a long st of train stations. The hallongo for ITV, which has arned a peoriese reputation relicing with dog-tired rimules and not developing esh showe off its own bat, as simple; to come up with o sw Salurday-night otertainment. In common this file families looking splessely on, any other samel could do it. Just look Leany Henry Goes To war (BBC1, Set), which may we finally solved the BBC's oblam et what to do with the uits) funny man; position him the next Jimmy Tarbuck. And let's see how ITV did. discreet acknowledgement the end credits admits thet a Moment of Truth is used on the Trival

As the creator of Soldier Soldier, Peak Practice and Bramwell, Lucy Gauron has been shoring up ITV for years now, but she mails ber more powerful writing to the BBC. Big Cat (BBC), Sun) revisited the theme of her earlier film Trip Tray: e timid woman in the thrall of a brutally cltarismetic husband ovarcomes her own weakness. But Trip Tray's wife-heater was e pillar of society. Here, Gannon essayed e more gothic examinetion of social ostrecism in which big, gentle Lee hed erased the ghosts of his leveless childhood with a corny fantasy thet he's the son not of an elcobolic trame but of a reasonic.

The programmes' coppertopped insurance policy
comes in the form of Cilla
Black, who is used to fronting
cover versions, eod you
slightly wooder whether The
Moment of Truth isn't also e
cover version of Cilla's own
back catelogus. "I do like
surprises," chirruped one of
the contestants after the
presenter of Surprise Surprise
turned up on her doorstep.
Then, with the contestant
settled on the studio sofa,
someone had the novel idea of
showing them e video diary of
their week's preparation, while
en inset allowed you to watch
them watching. Cen't think
where I've sean thet before.
But there is e deeperconsoners." With this tall tale, he lassoed the equally tonely Alice, whose own way of pepering over reality is to drink heraelf atupid. She falled to epot until the knot was tied that ell Leo's DIY and domesticity were displacement activities the used to keep his distance from her bed. The script could heve done with an ending to match tha frightening plausibility of Leo's creeping retreat into psychopethology – like an evenging tricoteuse, Alice etabbed him through the eye with a knitting needle. But, es the unhappy couple, David Morrissey end Amande Root can probably book their night et the Refres now

FAT (8.30pm ITV. fight) It feels e bit strange to be recommending two programmes showing on Carlton on the same night, but miracles do happen. Fut is e six-part documentary series examining the increasing problem of obesity in western society – more than nine million Brits are 20 per cent ebove the idsal body weight, and the numbers increase year on year. Future episodes will explore the creat-cliet industry, fattism – one of the lest approved

of the boys' megazines, saved herself from light-comedy hell by ecquithing berself creditably in Andree Newman's Imagen's Face earlier this year. She popa up egain in this new series by Simon Burke – whose list of writing credite includes Chancer and the recent BBC edaptation of Tom Jones – playing Isobal de Pauli, cream of the Met, who transfers to the Liverpool vice equed. Although you have to wonder if there will ever be anything new in a cop series egain, this et isest concentrates on the ceamy side of society, everyone's

DRAMA OF THE DAY

DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY

**BBC Newn 24** (85178866). To 6em.

BBC

O Businans Broakfast (13262). 7.00 News (T) (80736). 9.00 Klircy (S) (7833552). 9.40 Breakers (S) (7785262). 10.05 Sex Wars (S) (8742891). 10.30 Dally Live (S) (T) (441945). 10.58 News; Local News; Weather (T) (190281). 11.00 Style Challenge (S) (1070858). 11.25 Ceril Cook, Worlt Cook (S) (T) (1073945). 11.55 News; Local News; Weather (T) (7178945). 12.00 Through the Keyhole (S) (T) (782968). 12.25 Wipeout (S) (7004303). 12.50 The Weather Show (S) (T) (17480200). 1.00 News; Weether (T) (93823). 1.30 Local News, Weather (41045200). 1.40 Neighboure (S) (T) (87384216). 2.05 Breakere (S) (29140303). 2.25 Quincy (F) (7787571). 3.15 The Weether Show (S) (T) (2646200).

Children's BBC: Tales of Assop (R) (S) (5806303), 3.30 Playdays (R) (S) (7836842), 3.50 Arthur (R) (S) (7918858), 4.16 Alvin and the Chipmunks (R) (S) (6355910), 4.40 Goosebumps (S) (T) (8587939), 5.00 Newsjound (S) (T) (8612991), 5.10 Blue Peter (S) (T) (6955991).

8.00 News| Weether (1) (397).

(7) (649).

This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs out from behind on aspidletra (B) (T) (8991).

8.00 EnetEnders. Tiffery agonises over her decision. Louise has inside information (3) (1) (4938).

Children's Hospital. New series from Elminghams chidren's hospital. Today: e nine-year-old is rushed in efter children's hospital. Today: e nine-year-old is rushed in efter being knocked off his bits, and a child born with a cleft to being knocked off his bits, and a child born with a cleft to being knocked off his bits, and a child born with a cleft to being knocked in the bits.

9.30 Fraud Squad. The Elimingham Trading Standards go undercover to probe on illegal sex shop. Meanwhile, another team discover that cooking utenalls covered with lead paint ers being used et over the city (S) (\$3200).

OO ESIMA Jade (William Friedkin 1995 US). Trashy thriller from Joe Eszterhas dressed in stylish dothee by the director. A San Francisco assistant DA (David Caruso) linds himself in murky water when it turne out that a former lover is implicated in the sex-murder of a prominent millioneire. Still, Linda Florentino, veteran of murderous brunette roles, is the girl in question, so not everything is bed (S) (T) (55738).

allegarical drema in which Sean Cornery, Altred Lynch and Micheel Redgrave eler as new prisonere who arrive at e detention camp in North Africa during WWII. There they ere subjected to e brutel regime – marched repeatedly up end down the same hill in the blazing sun by a sedetic sergeant major (convincingly pleyed by Harry Andrews) (T) (49/9/10).

vercenne to complote them o piffling. As for the prizes, it vould be nice it they could inearth a mala guest who loss not dream of winning a smily car. My favourite bit ame when Cilia knocked on he first contestant's front loor, to be not by his email on esidng, "Why are you onberressing me?" The child as a future in television extended. 100 IO

5.35 Nnighbourn (S) (T) (583849).

7.30 Here and New. Telephone lines oftering bogus tarot readings and the suckers who cell them (S) (T) (533).

vnj Regionel News; Weather (T) (9736).

BBC2

MONDAY

ELEV

40 English, English Evnrywharn (†) (9232028).
5.35 Deaf-Bind Education in Russia (5491823), 7.00
Children's BBC: Telstubbles (\$) (1831378), 7.25 Smurts'
Adventures (R) (\$) (1843113), 7.50 Heality Wild Show (R)
(\$) (1) (3472910), 8.15 Bakitts (R) (\$) (419200), 8.35
Talee of Aesop (R) (\$) (89692552), 8.45 Harry and the
Hendersons (R) (\$) (1) (8883026), 9.40 Hawkeys (R)
(7928674), 9.50 Carloon (673938), 10.00 Teletubbles
(\$) (79755), 10.30 FILM: The Man from Morocco (Max
Greene 1945 UK), Adventurs (†) (2218823), 12.20
Consuming Passions (4858839), 12.30 Working Lunch
(94378), 1.00 Penny Creyon (R) (\$) (57073849).

1.10 13131 The Fighting Kantuekian (George Waggner 1949 US). John Wayne protects Franch settlere from land-grebbing crooks (T) (52834568).

2.45 Nnws; Locel Newn; Weether (1) (874387), 2.50
Top Gear Motoreport (8) (8384465), 3.25 News; Local
News; Weather (5804945), 3.30 How Does Your Garden
Grow? (755), 4.00 Change That (5) (6957129), 4.25
Ready, Steedy, Cook (5) (1) (895025), 4.85 Eather (5)
(1) (8834626), 8.30 Today's the Dey (5) (1) (248).

6.00 The Simpsons. Homer enrolls everyone in family therapy (R) (S) (T) (888484).

**6.25 The Simpeons.** Merge maets a **gigoio** at a bowling elley (R) (S) (T) (888571).

7.35 The Rnn end Stimpy Show.:Barking med cat-and-chinehue certoon (R) (T) (424858). . . :

**9.00 Local Merces.** Henry Cavendish, who discovered the composition of weller, and Jethro Tuli, inventor of the seed drill (S) (T) (6281).

8.30 Looking Good, Feeling Great: Slies and how to releve it through det, meditation and relaxation, and natural alternatives to Vlagra (S) (T) (7216).

9.00 Shooting Stern. Eddle Izzard, Melenie Sykes, Glenn Hugill and Carol Vorderman gueet (R) (S) (T) (7378).

10,00 Red Dwnrf A-Z. A motey crew of famous people including Professor Stephen Hawking attempt to convince us how marvellous the sol-fi comedy is (R) (S) (T) (82281).

6.45 Space 1999. Yet another time warp. You'd think these epace travelers would learn (1) (259397).

\$.30 Find Dwerf. A re-mastered version, appearantly. Well bless my sooks. First series repest (F) (S) (T) (93262).

10.30 Newsnight. With Jeremy Paxman (T) (102858).

11.40 New York New Football League B (5724953). 2.10 R (1358224). 2.30 C 3.05 Vanessa (R (R) (T) (32859934 10.40 Verentoate Gionet. Kirstie Aliey returns to TV after a profoundly lukewarm career in film, to star as the head of a massive chain selling women's ecantiles. Presumably to the mail market (S) (T) (242378). 11:10 Dherma and

12.30 News | Wantha: (6893), 1.30 The epproved (S) (T) ( (S) (T) (598200), 2 (T) News Headlin (T) (5728200). nar (T) (81804), 1.00 London Todey (T) the Jerry Springer Show. Antegonism ) (7439574), 2.16 Home and Away . 2.46 Antmal SOS (S) (948741), 3.15 tines (T) (5802587), 3.20 London Todey

TV: Wizadora (S) (5719823), 3,38 Titch 3.50 Sooty and Co (T) (7831026). sk (S) (T) (110845). 4,46 Sabrina, the h (S) (T) (3482981). 5,10 Home and (9804533).

Naws; Waathar (T) (482571).

ht. And weather (1) (465).

6,00 Lon

**6.30 London Bridge.** London-based drame seriat, Samend Liam go on a date, with unexpected results. Ravi heads for a showdown with Meg. A familiar face returns (5) (945).

7.30 Coronntion Street. Sleve and Maxine play a dengerous game. Kevin and Sally strep on their ermour for a custody battle (1) (128). 7.00 Family Fortunes. The Dodsworths of Chesterfield end the Jonesea of Rotherham get their half-hour in the epotlight (S) (T) (8587).

8.00 Who Wentn to Be a Militonaire? (3) (1) (9007).

5.30 CHOIGH Fat. Si obesity and relate below (T) (1842). tix-part documentary series on ed topics. See Documentary of the Day,

\$.00 SIDE Liverpool One. New drama set in the central Liverpool vice squad, sterring Samantha Janus. See Drama of the Day, below (S) (T) (6945).

10.00 NYPD Blue. The father of a white teeringer murdered by black drug dealers employs some racial epithets when describing the murderers (S) (1) (248026).

10.85 X-Rated Ricki (S) (T) (434843).

4.10 EILEN The Magnet (Charles Frend 1950 UK).
Children's comedy (8980601). To 5.30am.

Carlton

3.25 Childran's tTV (R) (4248216), 3.5 4.15 Art Attack (1 Teenege Witch (S Away (S) (T) (880

1.35 INM All Through the Night (Vincent Sharmen 1942 US). Wartime propagenda with Humphrey Bogart (93367804).

6.00 Roseeme. The wedding in Veges continues (R) (S)

6.30 Hollyseks. Sols graffil Is unpopular, Kurt Is furious about Ruths job in London (S) (T) (587).

7.00 Chennel 4 Newnj Weather (489216).

8.00 IEIIM The World's Oldest Living Erdeem
(Joseph J Spanion 1890 US). Ditchwater romance to Donna Mile falling in love with her young male secretary this is etill an issue? (T) (20289113).

7.55 Algeria Dally (653891).

9.45 Seventenn. Short from the Short end Curlies season. A 17-year-old fells for a lifeguard at her local swimming pool. Stare Rachel Weisz (R) (T) (814303).

10.30 London Tonight. And weether (1) (225858).

er (T) (68007).

11.40 LEILM Plenty (Fred Schepiel 1985 US). Flawed but still interesting study of post-traumatic stress casts Meryl Streep as a former French resistance worker having trouble settling in psacetime England (T) (62988571).

**Greg** (S) (T) (508113).

2.00 Edinburgh or Bunt (R) (90798). 2.30 FILM: The Show Goes On (Basil Dean 1937 UK). Horrible Grade Fielde showcase (716576).

ewe (896485), 12.40 Netionwide ue Extra (2723882), 1.40 World Football D Real Storise of the Highway Petrol (R) O Club Vision Rewind (S) (9407040), (G) (T) (1852359), 3.50 Judge Judy 1934), 4.40 Breakaways (80732775), 4.20 an (8915175), 5.30 ITN Moming News

5). **B.25** Vanasse (S) (T) (6885674). iing (T) (84315465). 1**2.20** Your Shout

9.30 IFIM Billy Rona's Dinmond Horeanhoa (George Seaton 1945 Us). Betty Grable takes e mink coat in return for meking e young man go back to college (63069804).

5.00 5 News and Sport (S) (6771026). 7.00 WideWorld (R) (S) (T) (1754200). 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (5807216). 7.35 Whet a Mess (1974587). 8.00 Havekezoo (S) (8918804). 6.30 Deppledown Farm (R) (801303). 9.00 The Great House Game (R) (T) (581874). 9.25 Rusself Grant's Postcards (8675842). 9.30 The Oprah Warfrey Show (R) (S) (751588). 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (477057). 1130 Lecza (S) (153615). 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (981896). 12.30 Femily Affairs (S) (T) (2228465). 1.30 Sone and Daughtere (2227736). 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (482915). 2.30 Open House with Gloria

7.00 The Big Breekfant (S) (T) (89674), 9.00 Bewitched (R) (T) (76464).

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11.25 Twentieth-Century Heil of Fame (121557), 11.30 Here's One I Mede Earlier (R) (S) (T) (3939), 12.00 Sesame Street (56620), 12.30 I Dream of Jeennie (85674), 1.00 Wetercolour Challenge (R) (T) (8817179).

3.30 Cinnnic Homan (R) (S) (T) (823). 4.00 Fitteen to One — the Big Winnere (R) (S) (T) (868). 4.30 Countdown (S) (T) (3402378). 4.56 Montel Willems (S) (T) (8032218).

3.30 IIII The Luliaby of Broadwey (David Butter 1851 US). So-so Dorls Day musical Day plays an English actress who travele to New York to be reconciled with her calebrity mother and talls to notice that the old girl is a drunken has-been. Songs by Gerehwin and Porter relieve things somewhat (2282113).

5.30 Pet Ranoue. Attempts to find homes for greyhounds and lurchere (S) (T) (194).

540 The Oprnh Winfrey Show. A chance to sneer at celebrity decorating choices (9349216).

100 Per Cent (S) (4390397)

7-00 5 News, including First on Five. With Kirsty Young (S) (T) (7030921).

6.30 Family Affairs. Peta throws e party to celebrate his new interest in the bar (S) (T) (4381649).

7.30 Where the Bison Roam. The wood bison living beyond the great Mackenzia River in Canades Northwest Territories (5) (T) (4370533).

8.00 The House Dectey, Ann Meurice "improves" a flet in East Duwich, south London, by painting the lovingly chosen colours over with magnolia (S) (T) (6276256).

5-30 Crime Report. John Taylor Investigatee (S) (5979855).

CHITIEL Red Senja (Richard Fielscher 1985 US).
Filanicus thong-and-broadsword epic with the unreconstructed charms of Amold Schwarzenegger and Brightte Nielsen. See Film of the Day, below (T) (25564465).

10.40 Dr Fent's Chart Update (5) (844657).

10.45 Tilling The Program (David S Ward 1983 US).

Creaking morality tale which is made no more eppealing by the fact that it's set in the world of American football. The wonderful James Caan elars as a coach forced to compromise his values (S) (95654842).

12.50 NFL Amarionn Football - Live. New England Petriots vs Denver Broncoe (S) (88141885). 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block N (4450175). 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (4353205). To 6am.

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